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(57) ABSTRACT

Methods for the fermentive production of four carbon alcohols is provided. Specifically, butanol, preferably 1-butanol is produced by the fermentive growth of a recombinant bacterium expressing a 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway.

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$$\frac{1}{S-CoA}$$
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FERMENTIVE PRODUCTION OF FOUR CARBON ALCOHOLS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 from U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/721,677, filed Sep. 29, 2005, and from U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/814,470, filed Jun. 16, 2006.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to the field of industrial microbiology and the production of alcohols. More specifically, 1-butanol is produced via industrial fermentation of a recombinant microorganism.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Butanol is an important industrial chemical, useful as a fuel additive, as a feedstock chemical in the plastics industry, and as a foodgrade extractant in the food and flavor industry. Each year 10 to 12 billion pounds of butanol are produced by petrochemical means and the need for this commodity chemi- 25 cal will likely increase.

Methods for the chemical synthesis of 1-butanol are known, such as the Oxo Process, the Reppe Process, and the hydrogenation of crotonaldehyde (*Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry, 6th* edition, 2003, Wiley-VCHVerlag 30 GmbH and Co., Weinheim, Germany, Vol. 5, pp. 716-719). These processes use starting materials derived from petrochemicals and are generally expensive and are not environmentally friendly. The production of 1-butanol from plant-derived raw materials would minimize green house gas 35 emissions and would represent an advance in the art.

Methods for producing 1-butanol by biotransformation of other organic chemicals are also known. For example, Muramoto et al. (JP63017695) describe a method for the production of alcohols, including butanol, from aldehydes using 40 strains of *Pseudomonas*. Additionally, Kuehnle et al. (EP 1149918) describe a process for preparing 1-butanol and 2-butanol by the oxidation of hydrocarbons by various strains of *Rhodococcus ruber*.

Methods of producing butanol by fermentation are also 45 known, where the most popular process produces a mixture of acetone, 1-butanol and ethanol and is referred to as the ABE processes (Blaschek et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,358,717). Acetonebutanol-ethanol (ABE) fermentation by Clostridium acetobutylicum is one of the oldest known industrial fermentations, 50 and the pathways and genes responsible for the production of these solvents have been reported (Girbal et al., Trends in Biotechnology 16:11-16 (1998)). The actual fermentation, however, has been quite complicated and difficult to control. ABE fermentation has declined continuously since the 1950s, 55 and almost all butanol is now produced via petrochemical routes, as described above. In a typical ABE fermentation, butyric, propionic, lactic and acetic acids are first produced by C. acetobutylicum, the culture pH drops and undergoes a metabolic "butterfly" shift, and 1-butanol, acetone, isopro- 60 panol and ethanol are then formed. In conventional ABE fermentations, the 1-butanol yield from glucose is low, typically around 15 percent and rarely exceeding 25 percent. Consequently, the 1-butanol concentration in conventional ABE fermentations is usually lower than 1.3 percent.

Attempts to maximize 1-butanol production from the ABE process by the elimination of all the other solvent by-products

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have not been totally successful, and thus, the process produces significant amounts of acetone which is not useful as a gasoline additive. A process for the fermentive production of butanol where 1-butanol is the sole product would represent an advance in the art.

There is a need, therefore, for an environmentally responsible, cost-effective process for the production of 1-butanol as a single product. The present invention addresses this need through the discovery of a recombinant microbial production host expressing a 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides a recombinant microorganism having an engineered 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway. The engineered microorganism may be used for the commercial production of 1-butanol. Accordingly the invention provides a recombinant microbial host cell comprising at least one DNA molecule encoding a polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion selected from the group consisting of:

- a) acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA
- b) acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA
- c) 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA
- d) crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA
- e) butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde and
- f) butyraldehyde to 1-butanol;

wherein the at least one DNA molecule is heterologous to said microbial host cell and wherein said microbial host cell produces 1-butanol.

In another embodiment the invention provides a method for the production of 1-butanol comprising:

- i) providing a recombinant microbial host cell comprising at least one DNA molecule encoding a polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA
 - b) acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA
 - c) 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA
 - d) crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA
 - e) butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde and
 - f) butyraldehyde to 1-butanol;

wherein the at least one DNA molecule is heterologous to said microbial host cell; and

ii) contacting the host cell of (i) with a fermentable carbon substrate under conditions whereby 1-butanol is produced.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES AND SEQUENCE DESCRIPTIONS

The invention can be more fully understood from the following detailed description, FIGURE, and the accompanying sequence descriptions, which form a part of this application.

FIG. 1 shows the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway. The steps labeled "a", "b", "c", "d", "e", and "f" represent the substrate to product conversions described below.

The following sequences conform with 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825 ("Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures—the Sequence Rules") and are consistent with World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25 (1998) and the sequence listing requirements of the EPO and PCT (Rules 5.2 and 49.5(a-bis), and Section 208 and Annex C of the Administrative Instructions). The symbols and format used for nucleotide and amino acid sequence data comply with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.822.

A Sequence Listing is provided herewith on Compact Disk. The contents of the Compact Disk containing the Sequence Listing are hereby incorporated by reference in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(e). The Compact Disks are submitted in triplicate and are identical to one another. The disks are labeled "Copy 1—Sequence Listing", "Copy 2—Sequence Listing", and CRF. The disks contain the following file: CL3241 Conv Seq Listing.ST25 having the following size: 177,000 bytes and which was created Sep. 26,

TABLE 1

IABLE I				
Summary of Gene and Protein	n SEQ ID Numb	ers		
Description	SEQ ID NO Nucleic acid	SEQ ID NO Peptide		
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase thlA from Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	1	2		
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase thlB from Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	3	4		
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase from Escherichia coli	128	129		
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase from Bacillus subtilis	130	131		
Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase from Saccharomyces cerevisiae	132	133		
3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase from <i>Clostridium acetobutylicum</i>	5	6		
ATCC 824 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	134	135		
from Bacillus subtilis 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	136	137		
from <i>Ralstonia eutropha</i> 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	138	139		
from Alcaligenes eutrophus Crotonase from Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824	7	8		
Crotonase from Escherichia coli	140	141		
Crotonase from Bacillus subtilis	142	143		
Crotonase from Aeromonas caviae	144	145		
Putative trans-enoyl CoA reductase from <i>Clostridium</i> acetobutylicum ATCC 824	9	10		
Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase from Euglena gracilis	146	147		
Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase from Streptomyces collinus	148	149		
Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase from Streptomyces coelocolor	150	151		
Butyraldehyde dehydrogenase from <i>Clostridium beijerinckii</i> NRRL B594	11	12		
Butyraldehyde dehydrogenase from <i>Clostridium acetobutylicum</i>	152	153		
Butanol dehydrogenase bdhB from <i>Clostridium acetobutylicum</i> ATCC 824	13	14		
Butanol dehydrogenase bdhA from <i>Clostridium</i> acetobutylicum ATCC 824	15	16		
Butanol dehydrogenase from Clostridium acetobutylicum	152	153		
Butanol dehydrogenase from Escherichia coli	154	155		

SEQ ID NOs:17-44 are the nucleotide sequences of oligonucleotide primers used to amplify the genes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway. 4

SEQ ID NOs:45-72 are the nucleotide sequences of oligonucleotide primers used for sequencing.

SEQ ID NOs:73-75 are the nucleotide sequences of oligonucleotide primers used to construct the transformation vectors described in Example 9.

SEQ ID NO:76 is the nucleotide sequence of the codonoptimized CAC0462 gene, referred to herein as CaTER.

SEQ ID NO:77 is the nucleotide sequence of the codonoptimized EgTER gene, referred to herein as EgTER(opt).

SEQ ID NO:78 is the nucleotide sequence of the codonoptimized ald gene, referred to herein as ald (opt).

SEQ ID NO:79 is the nucleotide sequence of the plasmid pFP988.

SEQ ID NOs:80-127, 160-185, and 190-207 are the nucleic acid sequences of cloning, sequencing, or PCR screening primers used for the cloning, sequencing, or screening of the genes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway described herein, and are more fully described in Tables 4 and 5.

SEQ ID NO: 156 is the nucleotide sequence of the cscBKA gene cluster.

SEQ ID NO:157 is the amino acid sequence of sucrose hydrolase (CscA).

SEQ ID NO:158 is the amino acid sequence of D-fructoki-25 nase (CscK).

SEQ ID NO:159 is the amino acid sequence of sucrose permease (CscB).

SEQ ID NO:186 is the nucleotide sequence of the codon optimized tery gene described in Example 17.

SEQ ID NO:187 is the amino acid sequence of the butyl-CoA dehydrogenase (ter) encoded by the codon optimized tery gene (SEQ ID NO: 186).

SEQ ID NO:188 is the nucleotide sequence of the codon optimized aldy gene described in Example 17.

SEQ ID NO: 189 is the amino acid sequence of the butyral-dehyde dehydrogenase (ald) encoded by the codon optimized aldy gene (SEQ ID NO: 188).

SEQ ID NO:208 is the nucleotide sequence of the template DNA used in Example 14.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to methods for the production of 1-butanol using recombinant microorganisms. The present invention meets a number of commercial and industrial needs. Butanol is an important industrial commodity chemical with a variety of applications, where its potential as a fuel or fuel additive is particularly significant. Although only a four-carbon alcohol, butanol has an energy content similar to that of gasoline and can be blended with any fossil fuel. Butanol is favored as a fuel or fuel additive as it yields only CO₂ and little or no SO_X or NO_X when burned in the standard internal combustion engine. Additionally butanol is less corrosive than ethanol, the most preferred fuel additive to date.

In addition to its utility as a biofuel or fuel additive, butanol has the potential of impacting hydrogen distribution problems in the emerging fuel cell industry. Fuel cells today are plagued by safety concerns associated with hydrogen transport and distribution. Butanol can be easily reformed for its hydrogen content and can be distributed through existing gas stations in the purity required for either fuel cells or vehicles.

Finally the present invention produces butanol from plant derived carbon sources, avoiding the negative environmental impact associated with standard petrochemical processes for butanol production.

The following definitions and abbreviations are to be used for the interpretation of the claims and the specification.

The term "invention" or "present invention" as used herein is a non-limiting term and is not intended to refer to any single embodiment of the particular invention but encompasses all possible embodiments as described in the specification and the claims.

"ABE" is the abbreviation for the Acetone-Butanol-Ethanol fermentation process.

The term "1-butanol biosynthetic pathway" means the enzyme pathway to produce 1-butanol from acetyl-coenzyme A (acetyl-CoA).

The term "acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of two molecules of acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA and coenzyme A (CoA). Preferred acetyl-CoA acetyltransferases are acetyl-CoA acetyltransferases with substrate preferences (reaction in the for- 15 ward direction) for a short chain acyl-CoA and acetyl-CoA and are classified as E.C. 2.3.1.9 [Enzyme Nomenclature 1992, Academic Press, San Diego]; although, enzymes with a broader substrate range (E.C. 2.3.1.16) will be functional as well. Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferases are available from a 20 number of sources, for example, Escherichia coli (GenBank Nos: NP_416728 (SEQ ID NO:129), NC_000913 (SEQ ID NO:128); NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information) amino acid sequence, NCBI nucleotide sequence), Clostridium acetobutylicum (GenBank Nos: NP 349476.1 25 (SEQ ID NO:2), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:1); NP_149242 (SEQ ID NO:4), NC_001988 (SEQ ID NO:3), Bacillus subtilis (GenBank Nos: NP_390297 (SEQ ID NO:131), NC 000964 (SEQ ID NO:130)), and Saccharomyces cerevisiae (GenBank Nos: NP_015297 (SEQ ID NO:133), 30 NC_001148 (SEQ ID NO: 132)).

The term "3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA. 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenases may be reduced nicotinamide adenine 35 ments. dinucleotide (NADH)-dependent, with a substrate preference for (S)-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA or (R)-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA and are classified as E.C. 1.1.1.35 and E.C. 1.1.1.30, respectively. Additionally, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenases may be reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide 40 phosphate (NADPH)-dependent, with a substrate preference for (S)-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA or (R)-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA and are classified as E.C. 1.1.1.157 and E.C. 1.1.1.36, respectively. 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenases are available from a number of sources, for example, C. aceto- 45 butylicum (GenBank NOs: NP_349314 (SEQ ID NO:6), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:5)), B. subtilis (GenBank NOs: AAB09614 (SEQ ID NO:135), U29084 (SEQ ID NO:134)), Ralstonia eutropha (GenBank NOs: YP_294481 (SEQ ID NO:137), NC_007347 (SEQ ID NO:136)), and Alcaligenes 50 eutrophus (GenBank NOs: AAA21973 (SEQ ID NO:139), J04987 (SEQ ID NO:138)).

The term "crotonase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA and H₂O. Crotonases may have a substrate preference for (S)-3-55 hydroxybutyryl-CoA or (R)-3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA and are classified as E.C. 4.2.1.17 and E.C. 4.2.1.55, respectively. Crotonases are available from a number of sources, for example, *E. coli* (GenBank NOs: NP_415911 (SEQ ID NO:141), NC_000913 (SEQ ID NO:140)), *C. acetobutyli-cum* (GenBank NOs: NP_349318 (SEQ ID NO:8), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:7)), *B. subtilis* (GenBank NOs: CAB13705 (SEQ ID NO:143), Z99113 (SEQ ID NO:142)), and *Aeromonas caviae* (GenBank NOs: BAA21816 (SEQ ID NO:145), D88825 (SEQ ID NO:144)).

The term "butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of crotonyl-CoA to

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butyryl-CoA. Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenases may be either NADH-dependent or NADPH-dependent and are classified as E.C. 1.3.1.44 and E.C. 1.3.1.38, respectively. Butyryl-CoA dehydrogenases are available from a number of sources, for example, *C. acetobutylicum* (GenBank NOs: NP_347102 (SEQ ID NO:10), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:9))), *Euglena gracilis* (GenBank NOs: \(\sigmu 5EU90\) SEQ ID NO:147), AY741582 SEQ ID NO:146)), *Streptomyces collinus* (GenBank NOs: AAA92890 (SEQ ID NO:149), U37135 (SEQ ID NO:148)), and *Streptomyces coelicolor* (GenBank NOs: CAA22721 (SEQ ID NO:151), AL939127 (SEQ ID NO:150)).

The term "butyraldehyde dehydrogenase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde, using NADH or NADPH as cofactor. Butyraldehyde dehydrogenases with a preference for NADH are known as E.C. 1.2.1.57 and are available from, for example, *Clostridium beijerinckii* (GenBank NOs: AAD31841 (SEQ ID NO:12), AF157306 (SEQ ID NO:11)) and *C. acetobutylicum* (GenBank NOs: NP_149325 (SEQ ID NO:153), NC_001988 (SEQ ID NO:152)).

The term "butanol dehydrogenase" refers to an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of butyraldehyde to 1-butanol, using either NADH or NADPH as cofactor. Butanol dehydrogenases are available from, for example, *C. acetobutylicum* (GenBank NOs: NP_149325 (SEQ ID NO:153), NC_001988 SEQ ID NO:152; note: this enzyme possesses both aldehyde and alcohol dehydrogenase activity); NP_349891 (SEQ ID NO:14), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:13); and NP_349892 (SEQ ID NO:16), NC_003030 (SEQ ID NO:15)) and *E. coli* (GenBank NOs: NP_417-484 (SEQ ID NO:155), NC_000913 (SEQ ID NO:154)).

The term "a facultative anaerobe" refers to a microorganism that can grow in both aerobic and anaerobic environments

The term "carbon substrate" or "fermentable carbon substrate" refers to a carbon source capable of being metabolized by host organisms of the present invention and particularly carbon sources selected from the group consisting of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, polysaccharides, and one-carbon substrates or mixtures thereof.

The term "gene" refers to a nucleic acid fragment that is capable of being expressed as a specific protein, optionally including regulatory sequences preceding (5' non-coding sequences) and following (3' non-coding sequences) the coding sequence. "Native gene" refers to a gene as found in nature with its own regulatory sequences. "Chimeric gene" refers to any gene that is not a native gene, comprising regulatory and coding sequences that are not found together in nature. Accordingly, a chimeric gene may comprise regulatory sequences and coding sequences that are derived from different sources, or regulatory sequences and coding sequences derived from the same source, but arranged in a manner different than that found in nature. "Endogenous gene" refers to a native gene in its natural location in the genome of an organism. A "foreign" or "heterologous gene" refers to a gene not normally found in the host organism, but that is introduced into the host organism by gene transfer. Foreign genes can comprise native genes inserted into a nonnative organism, or chimeric genes. A "transgene" is a gene that has been introduced into the genome by a transformation

As used herein the term "coding sequence" refers to a DNA sequence that codes for a specific amino acid sequence. "Suitable regulatory sequences" refer to nucleotide sequences located upstream (5' non-coding sequences), within, or downstream (3' non-coding sequences) of a coding sequence, and

which influence the transcription, RNA processing or stability, or translation of the associated coding sequence. Regulatory sequences may include promoters, translation leader sequences, introns, polyadenylation recognition sequences, RNA processing site, effector binding site and stem-loop 5 structure.

The term "promoter" refers to a DNA sequence capable of controlling the expression of a coding sequence or functional RNA. In general, a coding sequence is located 3' to a promoter sequence. Promoters may be derived in their entirety from a 10 native gene, or be composed of different elements derived from different promoters found in nature, or even comprise synthetic DNA segments. It is understood by those skilled in the art that different promoters may direct the expression of a gene in different tissues or cell types, or at different stages of 15 development, or in response to different environmental or physiological conditions. Promoters which cause a gene to be expressed in most cell types at most times are commonly referred to as "constitutive promoters". It is further recognized that since in most cases the exact boundaries of regu- 20 latory sequences have not been completely defined, DNA fragments of different lengths may have identical promoter activity.

The term "operably linked" refers to the association of nucleic acid sequences on a single nucleic acid fragment so 25 that the function of one is affected by the other. For example, a promoter is operably linked with a coding sequence when it is capable of affecting the expression of that coding sequence (i.e., that the coding sequence is under the transcriptional control of the promoter). Coding sequences can be operably 30 linked to regulatory sequences in sense or antisense orientation

The term "expression", as used herein, refers to the transcription and stable accumulation of sense (mRNA) or antisense RNA derived from the nucleic acid fragment of the 35 invention. Expression may also refer to translation of mRNA into a polypeptide.

As used herein the term "transformation" refers to the transfer of a nucleic acid fragment into a host organism, resulting in genetically stable inheritance. Host organisms 40 containing the transformed nucleic acid fragments are referred to as "transgenic" or "recombinant" or "transformed" organisms.

The terms "plasmid", "vector" and "cassette" refer to an extra chromosomal element often carrying genes which are 45 not part of the central metabolism of the cell, and usually in the form of circular double-stranded DNA fragments. Such elements may be autonomously replicating sequences, genome integrating sequences, phage or nucleotide sequences, linear or circular, of a single- or double-stranded 50 DNA or RNA, derived from any source, in which a number of nucleotide sequences have been joined or recombined into a unique construction which is capable of introducing a promoter fragment and DNA sequence for a selected gene product along with appropriate 3' untranslated sequence into a 55 cell. "Transformation cassette" refers to a specific vector containing a foreign gene and having elements in addition to the foreign gene that facilitates transformation of a particular host cell. "Expression cassette" refers to a specific vector containing a foreign gene and having elements in addition to 60 the foreign gene that allow for enhanced expression of that gene in a foreign host.

As used herein the term "codon degeneracy" refers to the nature in the genetic code permitting variation of the nucleotide sequence without effecting the amino acid sequence of 65 an encoded polypeptide. The skilled artisan is well aware of the "codon-bias" exhibited by a specific host cell in usage of

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nucleotide codons to specify a given amino acid. Therefore, when synthesizing a gene for improved expression in a host cell, it is desirable to design the gene such that its frequency of codon usage approaches the frequency of preferred codon usage of the host cell.

The term "codon-optimized" as it refers to genes or coding regions of nucleic acid molecules for transformation of various hosts, refers to the alteration of codons in the gene or coding regions of the nucleic acid molecules to reflect the typical codon usage of the host organism without altering the polypeptide encoded by the DNA.

Standard recombinant DNA and molecular cloning techniques used here are well known in the art and are described by Sambrook, J., Fritsch, E. F. and Maniatis, T., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989) (hereinafter "Maniatis"); and by Silhavy, T. J., Bennan, M. L. and Enquist, L. W., *Experiments with Gene Fusions*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1984); and by Ausubel, F. M. et al., *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, published by Greene Publishing Assoc. and Wiley-Interscience (1987).

The 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway

Carbohydrate utilizing microorganisms employ the Embden-Meyerhof-Parnas (EMP) pathway, the Entner-Doudoroff pathway and the pentose phosphate cycle as the central, metabolic routes to provide energy and cellular precursors for growth and maintenance. These pathways have in common the intermediate glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate and, ultimately, pyruvate is formed directly or in combination with the EMP pathway. Subsequently, pyruvate is transformed to acetyl-coenzyme A (acetyl-CoA) via a variety of means, including reaction with the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex, pyruvate-formate lyase, and pyruvate-ferredoxin oxidoreductase. Acetyl-CoA serves as a key intermediate, for example, in generating fatty acids, amino acids and secondary metabolites. The combined reactions of sugar conversion to acetyl-CoA produce energy (e.g. adenosine-5'-triphosphate, ATP) and reducing equivalents (e.g. reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, NADH, and reduced nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, NADPH). NADH and NADPH must be recycled to their oxidized forms (NAD+ and NADP⁺, respectively). In the presence of inorganic electron acceptors (e.g. O₂, NO₃⁻ and SO₄²⁻), the reducing equivalents may be used to augment the energy pool; alternatively, a reduced carbon by-product may be formed. The production of ethanol and 1-butanol resulting from the fermentation of carbohydrate are examples of the latter.

This invention enables the production of 1-butanol from carbohydrate sources with recombinant microorganisms by providing a complete 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway from acetyl-CoA to 1-butanol, as shown in FIG. 1. This biosynthetic pathway, generally lacking in the microbial community due to the absence of genes or the lack of appropriate gene regulation, comprises the following substrate to product conversions:

- a) acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA, as catalyzed for example by acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase;
- b) acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA, as catalyzed for example by 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase;
- c) 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA, as catalyzed for example by crotonase;
- d) crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA, as catalyzed for example by butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase;
- e) butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde, as catalyzed for example by butyraldehyde dehydrogenase; and
- f) butyraldehyde to 1-butanol, as catalyzed for example by butanol dehydrogenase.

Gene 5

> butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase

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TABLE 2-continued Sources of 1-Buatnol Pathway Genes

gi|49175990|ref|NC_000913.2|[49175990] NC_003030 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824, complete genome gi|15893298|ref|NC_003030.1|[15893298] Z99113 Bacillus subtilis complete genome (section

gi|32468758|emb|Z99113.2|BSUB0010[32468758] D88825 *Aeromonas caviae* phaC gene for PHA

synthase, complete cas gil2335048|dbj|D88825.1|[2335048] NC_006274 *Bacillus cereus* ZK, complete genome gi|52140164|ref|NC_006274.1|[52140164] NC_004557 *Clostridium tetani* E88, complete

gi|28209834|ref|NC_004557.1|[28209834] NC_003030 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824,

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GenBank Citation

synthase, complete cds

genome

The pathway requires no ATP and generates NAD ⁺ and/or	
NADP ⁺ , thus, balances with the central metabolic routes that	
generate acetyl-CoA. The ability of natural organisms to pro-	
duce 1-butanol by fermentation is rare and exemplified most	
prominently by Clostridium beijerinckii and Clostridium	5
acetobutylicum. The gene organization and gene regulation	
for Clostridium acetobutylicum has been described (L. Girbal	
and P. Soucaille, Trends in Biotechnology 216:11-16 (1998)).	
However, many of these enzyme activities are associated also	
with alternate pathways, for example, hydrocarbon utiliza-	10
tion, fatty acid oxidation, and polyhydroxyalkanoate metabo-	
lism. Thus, in providing a recombinant pathway from acetyl-	
CoA to 1-butanol, there exist a number of choices to fulfill the	
individual reaction steps, and the person of skill in the art will	
be able to utilize publicly available sequences to construct the	15
relevant pathways. A listing of a representative number of	
genes known in the art and useful in the construction of the	
1-butanol biosynthetic pathway are listed below in Table 2.	

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TABLE 2			butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase	NC_003030 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824, complete genome gi115893298 ref NC_003030.1 [15893298]		
	Sources of 1-Buatnol Pathway Genes	. 20		AY741582 Euglena gracilis trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase mRNA, complete cds		
Gene	GenBank Citation			gi 58201539 gb AY741582.1 [58201539] U37135 Streptomyces collinus crotonyl-CoA reductase (ccr) gene, complete cds		
acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase	NC_000913 Escherichia coli K12, complete genome gi 49175990 reflNC_000913.2 [49175990] NC_001988 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824 plasmid pSOL1, complete sequence gi 15004705 reflNC_001988.2 [15004705] NC_000964 Bacillus subtilis subsp. subtilis str. 168,	25		gi 1046370 gb U37135.1 SCU37135[1046370] AL939127 Streptomyces coelicolor A3(2) complete genome; segment 24/29 gi 24429552 emb AL939127.1 SCO939127[24429552] AP006716 Staphylococcus haemolyticus JCSC1435, complete genome gi 68445725 dbj AP006716.1 [68445725]		
	complete genome gi 150812173 ref NC_000964.2 [50812173] NC_001148 Saccharomyces cerevisiae chromosome XVI, complete chromosome sequence gi 150593503 ref NC_001148.3 [50593503]	30	butyraldehyde	NC_006274 Bacillus cereus ZK, complete genome gil52140164 reflNC_006274.1 [52140164] NC_004557 Clostridium tetani E88, complete genome gil28209834 reflNC_004557.1 [28209834] AF157306 Clostridium beijerinckii strain NRRL		
	CP000017 Streptococcus pyogenes MGAS5005, complete genome gi 71852596 gb CP000017.1 [71852596] NC_005773 Pseudomonas syringae pv. phaseolicola 1448A, complete genome gi 71733195 ref NC_005773.3 [71733195] CR931997 Corynebacterium jeikeium K411	35 40	dehydrogenase	B593 hypothetical protein, coenzyme A acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase (ald), acetoacetate:butyrate/acetate coenzyme A transferase (ctfA), acetoacetate:butyrate/acetate coenzyme A transferase (ctfB), and acetoacetate decarboxylase (adc) genes, complete cds gil47422980 gblAF157306.2 [47422980]		
3-hydroxybutyryl- CoA dehydrogenase	complete genome gi [68262661] mC_003030 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824, complete genome gi [15893298]ref]NC_003030.1 [15893298] U29084 Bacillus subtilis (mmgA), (mmgB),			NC_001988 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824 plasmid pSOL1, complete sequence gil15004705 reflNC_001988.2 [15004705] AY251646 Clostridium saccharoperbutylacetonicum sol operon, complete sequence		
	(mmgC), and citrate synthase III (mmgD) genes, complete cds, and (mmgE) gene, partial cds gi 881603 gb U29084.1 BSU29084[881603] NC_007347 Ralstonia eutropha JMP134 Raeut01_1, whole genome shotgun sequence	45	butanol dehydrogenase	gi 31075382 gb AY251646.1 [31075382] NC_001988 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824 plasmid pSOL1, complete sequence gi 15004705 ref NC_001988.2 [15004705] NC_003030 Clostridium acetobutylicum ATCC 824,		
	gi 45517296 ref NZ_AADY01000001.1 [45517296] J04987 A. eutrophus beta-ketothiolase (phbA) and acetoacetyl-CoA reductase (phbB) genes, complete cds gi 141953 gb J04987.1 AFAKTLAACA[141953] NC_004129 Pseudomonas fluorescens Pf-5,	50		complete genome gil15893298 reflNC_003030.1 [15893298] NC_000913 Escherichia coli K12, complete genome gil49175990 reflNC_000913.2 [49175990] NC_003198 Salmonella enterica subsp. enterica		
	complete genome gi 70728250 reflNC_004129.6 [70728250] NC_000913 Escherichia coli K12, complete genome gi 49175990 reflNC_000913.2 [49175990] NC_004557 Clostridium tetani E88, complete	55		serovar Typhi str. CT18, complete genome gi116758993 [ref]NC_003198.1[[16758993]] BX571966 Burkholderia pseudomallei strain K96243, chromosome 2, complete sequence gi152211453 [emb]BX571966.1[[52211453] Z99120 Bacillus subtilis complete genome (section		
	genome gi128209834 refINC_004557.1 [28209834] NC_006350 Burkholderia pseudomallei K96243 chromosome 1, complete sequence gi153717639 refINC_006350.1 [53717639] NC_002947 Pseudomonas putida KT2440, complete genome	60		17 of 21): from 3213330 to 3414388 gi32468813 emb Z99120.2 BSUB0017[32468813 NC_003366 Clostridium perfringens str. 13, complete genome gi18308982 reflNC_003366.1 [18308982 NC_004431 Escherichia coli CFT073, complete		
crotonase	complete genome gi1269867451reflNC_002947.31[26986745] NC_000913 <i>Escherichia coli</i> K12, complete genome	65		genome gi 26245917 reflNC_004431.1 [26245917		

Microbial Hosts for 1-butanol Production

Microbial hosts for 1-butanol production may be selected from bacteria, cyanobacteria, filamentous fungi and yeasts. The microbial host used for 1-butanol production is preferably tolerant to 1-butanol so that the yield is not limited by 5 butanol toxicity. Microbes that are metabolically active at high titer levels of 1-butanol are not well known in the art. Although butanol-tolerant mutants have been isolated from solventogenic Clostridia, little information is available concerning the butanol tolerance of other potentially useful bac- 10 terial strains. Most of the studies on the comparison of alcohol tolerance in bacteria suggest that butanol is more toxic than ethanol (de Cavalho et al., Microsc. Res. Tech. 64:215-22 (2004) and Kabelitz et al., FEMS Microbiol. Lett. 220:223-227 (2003)). Tomas et al. (J. Bacteriol. 186:2006-2018 15 (2004)) report that the yield of butanol during fermentation in Clostridium acetobutylicum may be limited by butanol toxicity. The primary effect of butanol on Clostridium acetobutylicum is disruption of membrane functions (Hermann et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 50:1238-1243 (1985)).

The microbial hosts selected for the production of 1-butanol are preferably tolerant to 1-butanol and are able to convert carbohydrates to 1-butanol. The criteria for selection of suitable microbial hosts include the following: intrinsic tolerance to 1-butanol, high rate of glucose utilization, availability of genetic tools for gene manipulation, and the ability to generate stable chromosomal alterations.

Suitable host strains with a tolerance for 1-butanol may be identified by screening based on the intrinsic tolerance of the strain. The intrinsic tolerance of microbes to 1-butanol may 30 be measured by determining the concentration of 1-butanol that is responsible for 50% inhibition of the growth rate (IC50) when grown in a minimal medium. The IC50 values may be determined using methods known in the art. For example, the microbes of interest may be grown in the presence of various amounts of 1-butanol and the growth rate monitored by measuring the optical density at 600 nanometers. The doubling time may be calculated from the logarithmic part of the growth curve and used as a measure of the growth rate. The concentration of 1-butanol that produces 40 50% inhibition of growth may be determined from a graph of the percent inhibition of growth versus the 1-butanol concentration. Preferably, the host strain should have an IC50 for 1-butanol of greater than about 0.5% weight/volume.

The microbial host for 1-butanol production should also 45 utilize glucose at a high rate. Most microbes are capable of utilizing carbohydrates. However, certain environmental microbes cannot utilize carbohydrates to high efficiency, and therefore would not be suitable hosts.

The ability to genetically modify the host is essential for 50 the production of any recombinant microorganism. The mode of gene transfer technology may be by electroporation, conjugation, transduction or natural transformation. A broad range of host conjugative plasmids and drug resistant markers are available. The cloning vectors are tailored to the host 55 organisms based on the nature of antibiotic resistance markers that can function in that host.

The microbial host also has to be manipulated in order to inactivate competing pathways for carbon flow by deleting various genes. This requires the availability of either transposons to direct inactivation or chromosomal integration vectors. Additionally, the production host should be amenable to chemical mutagenesis so that mutations to improve intrinsic 1-butanol tolerance may be obtained.

Based on the criteria described above, suitable microbial 65 hosts for the production of 1-butanol include, but are not limited to, members of the genera *Clostridium, Zymomonas*,

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Escherichia, Salmonella, Rhodococcus, Pseudomonas, Bacillus, Lactobacillus, Enterococcus, Alcaligenes, Klebsiella, Paenibacillus, Arthrobacter, Corynebacterium, Brevibacterium, Pichia, Candida, Hansenula and Saccharomyces. Preferred hosts include: Escherichia coli, Alcaligenes eutrophus, Bacillus lichenifonnis, Paenibacillus macerans, Rhodococcus erythropolis, Pseudomonas putida, Lactobacillus plantarum, Enterococcus faecium, Enterococcus gallinarium, Enterococcus faecalis, Bacillus subtilis and Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

Construction of Production Host

Recombinant organisms containing the necessary genes that will encode the enzymatic pathway for the conversion of a fermentable carbon substrate to 1-butanol may be constructed using techniques well known in the art. In the present invention, genes encoding the enzymes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway, i.e., acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, crotonase, butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, butyraldehyde dehydrogenase, and butanol dehydrogenase, may be isolated from various sources, as described above.

Methods of obtaining desired genes from a bacterial genome are common and well known in the art of molecular biology. For example, if the sequence of the gene is known, suitable genomic libraries may be created by restriction endonuclease digestion and may be screened with probes complementary to the desired gene sequence. Once the sequence is isolated, the DNA may be amplified using standard primer-directed amplification methods such as polymerase chain reaction (Mullis, U.S. Pat. No. 4,683,202) to obtain amounts of DNA suitable for transformation using appropriate vectors. Tools for codon optimization for expression in a heterologous host are readily available. Some tools for codon optimization are available based on the GC content of the host organism. The GC content of some exemplary microbial hosts is given Table 3.

TABLE 3

GC Content of Microbia	1110000
Strain	% GC
B. licheniformis	46
B. subtilis	42
C. acetobutylicum	37
E. coli	50
P. putida	61
A. eutrophus	61
Paenibacillus macerans	51
Rhodococcus erythropolis	62
Brevibacillus	50
Paenibacillus polymyxa	50

Once the relevant pathway genes are identified and isolated they may be transformed into suitable expression hosts by means well known in the art. Vectors or cassettes useful for the transformation of a variety of host cells are common and commercially available from companies such as EPICENTRE® (Madison, Wis.), Invitrogen Corp. (Carlsbad, Calif.), Stratagene (La Jolla, Calif.), and New England Biolabs, Inc. (Beverly, Mass.). Typically, the vector or cassette contains sequences directing transcription and translation of the relevant gene, a selectable marker, and sequences allowing autonomous replication or chromosomal integration. Suitable vectors comprise a region 5' of the gene which harbors transcriptional initiation controls and a region 3' of the DNA fragment which controls transcriptional termination. Both control regions may be derived from genes homologous to the

transformed host cell, although it is to be understood that such control regions may also be derived from genes that are not native to the specific species chosen as a production host.

Initiation control regions or promoters, which are useful to drive expression of the relevant pathway coding regions in the 5 desired host cell are numerous and familiar to those skilled in the art. Virtually any promoter capable of driving these genetic elements is suitable for the present invention including, but not limited to, CYC1, HIS3, GAL1, GAL10, ADH1, PGK, PHO5, GAPDH, ADC1, TRP1, URA3, LEU2, ENO, 10 TPI, CUP1, FBA, GPD, and GPM (useful for expression in Saccharomyces); AOX1 (useful for expression in Pichia); and lac, ara, tet, trp, IP_L , IP_R , T7, tac, and trc (useful for expression in Escherichia coli, Alcaligenes, and Pseudomonas); the amy, apr, npr promoters and various phage promoters useful for 15 expression in Bacillus subtilis, Bacillus licheniformis, and Paenibacillus macerans; nisA (useful for expression Grampositive bacteria, Eichenbaum et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 64(8):2763-2769 (1998)); and the synthetic P11 promoter (useful for expression in *Lactobacillus plantarum*, Rud 20 et al., Microbiology 152:1011-1019 (2006)).

Termination control regions may also be derived from various genes native to the preferred hosts. Optionally, a termination site may be unnecessary, however, it is most preferred if included.

Certain vectors are capable of replicating in a broad range of host bacteria and can be transferred by conjugation. The complete and annotated sequence of pRK404 and three related vectors-pRK437, pRK442, and pRK442(H) are available. These derivatives have proven to be valuable tools for 30 genetic manipulation in Gram-negative bacteria (Scott et al., *Plasmid* 50(1):74-79 (2003)). Several plasmid derivatives of broad-host-range Inc P4 plasmid RSF1010 are also available with promoters that can function in a range of Gram-negative bacteria. Plasmid pAYC36 and pAYC37, have active promoters along with multiple cloning sites to allow for the heterologous gene expression in Gram-negative bacteria.

Chromosomal gene replacement tools are also widely available. For example, a thermosensitive variant of the broad-host-range replicon pWV101 has been modified to construct a plasmid pVE6002 which can be used to create (Maguin et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 174(17):5633-5638 (1992)).

Additionally, in vitro transposomes are available to create random mutations in a variety of genomes from commercial sources such as EPICENTRE®.

The expression of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in various preferred microbial hosts is described in more detail below.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in E. 50 coli

Vectors or cassettes useful for the transformation of *E. coli* are common and commercially available from the companies listed above. For example, the genes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway may be isolated from various strains of 55 *Clostridium*, cloned into a modified pUC19 vector and transformed into *E. coli* NM522, as described in Example 11. The expression of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in several other strains of *E. coli* is described in Example 13.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in 60 Rhodococcus erythropolis

A series of *E. coli-Rhodococcus* shuttle vectors are available for expression in *R. erythropolis*, including, but not limited to pRhBR17 and pDA71 (Kostichka et al., *Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol* 62:61-68 (2003)). Additionally, a series of 65 promoters are available for heterologous gene expression in *R. erythropolis* (see for example Nakashima et al., *Appl.*

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Envir. Microbiol. 70:5557-5568 (2004), and Tao et al., Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 2005, DOI 10.1007/s00253-005-0064). Targeted gene disruption of chromosomal genes in *R. erythropolis* may be created using the method described by Tao et al., supra, and Brans et al. (Appl. Envir. Microbiol. 66: 2029-2036 (2000)).

The heterologous genes required for the production of 1-butanol, as described above, may be cloned initially in pDA71 or pRhBR71 and transformed into *E. coli*. The vectors may then be transformed into *R. erythropolis* by electroporation, as described by Kostichka et al., supra. The recombinants may be grown in synthetic medium containing glucose and the production of 1-butanol can be followed using methods known in the art.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in $Bacillus\ subtilis$

Methods for gene expression and creation of mutations in *B. subtilis* are also well known in the art. For example, the genes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway may be isolated from various strains of *Clostridium*, cloned into a modified pUC19 vector and transformed into *Bacillus subtilis* BE1010, as described in Example 12. Additionally, the six genes of the 1-biosynthetic pathway can be split into two operons for expression, as described in Example 14. The first three genes of the pathway (thl, hbd, and crt) were integrated into the chromosome of *Bacillus subtilis* BE1010 (Payne and Jackson, *J. Bacteriol.* 173:2278-2282 (1991)). The last three genes (EgTER, ald, and bdhB) were cloned into expression plasmids and transformed into the *Bacillus* strain carrying the integrated 1-butanol genes

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Bacillus lichenifonnis

Most of the plasmids and shuttle vectors that replicate in *B. subtilis* may be used to transform *B. lichenifonnis* by either protoplast transformation or electroporation. For example, the genes required for the production of 1-butanol may be cloned in plasmids pBE20 or pBE60 derivatives (Nagarajan et al., *Gene* 114:121-126 (1992)). Methods to transform *B. lichenifonnis* are known in the art (for example see Fleming et al. *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 61(11):3775-3780 (1995)). The plasmids constructed for expression in *B. subtilis* may also be transformed into *B. lichenifonnis* to produce a recombinant microbial host that produces 1-butanol.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Paenibacillus macerans

Plasmids may be constructed as described above for expression in *B. subtilis* and used to transform *Paenibacillus macerans* by protoplast transformation to produce a recombinant microbial host that produces 1-butanol.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Alcaligenes (Ralstonia) eutrophus

Methods for gene expression and creation of mutations in *Ralstonia eutrophus* are known in the art (see for example Taghavi et al., *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, 60(10):3585-3591 (1994)). The genes for the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway may be cloned in any of the broad host range vectors described above, and electroporated to generate recombinants that produce 1-butanol. The polyhydroxy butyrate pathway in *Ralstonia* has been described in detail and a variety of genetic techniques to modify the *Ralstonia eutrophus* genome is known, and those tools can be applied for engineering the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Pseudomonas putida

Methods for gene expression in *Pseudomonas putida* are known in the art (see for example Ben-Bassat et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,586,229, which is incorporated herein by reference).

For example, the butanol pathway genes may be inserted into pPCU18 and this ligated DNA may be electroporated into electrocompetent *Pseudomonas putida* DOT-T1 C5aAR1 cells to generate recombinants that produce 1-butanol.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Sac- 5 charomyces cerevisiae

Methods for gene expression in Saccharomyces cerevisiae are known in the art (see for example Methods in Enzymology, Volume 194, Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology (Part A, 2004, Christine Guthrie and Gerald R. Fink 10 (Eds.), Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, Calif.). Expression of genes in yeast typically requires a promoter, followed by the gene of interest, and a transcriptional terminator. A number of yeast promoters can be used in constructing expression cassettes for genes encoding the 1-butanol biosyn- 15 thetic pathway, including, but not limited to constitutive promoters FBA, GPD, and GPM, and the inducible promoters GAL1, GAL10, and CUP1. Suitable transcriptional terminators include, but are not limited to FBAt, GPDt, GPMt, ERG10t, and GAL1t. Suitable promoters, transcriptional ter- 20 minators, and the genes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway may be cloned into yeast 2 micron (2μ) plasmids, as described in Example 17.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in *Lactobacillus plantarum*

The Lactobacillus genus belongs to the Lactobacillales family and many plasmids and vectors used in the transformation of Bacillus subtilis and Streptococcus may be used for lactobacillus. Non-limiting examples of suitable vectors include pAMβ11 and derivatives thereof (Renault et al., Gene 30 183:175-182 (1996); and O'Sullivan et al., Gene 137:227-231 (1993)); pMBB1 and pHW800, a derivative of pMBB1 (Wyckoff et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 62:1481-1486 (1996)); pMG1, a conjugative plasmid (Tanimoto et al., J. Bacteriol. 184:5800-5804 (2002)); pNZ9520 (Kleerebezem 35 et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 63:45814584 (1997)); pAM401 (Fujimoto et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 67:1262-1267 (2001)); and pAT392 (Arthur et al., Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 38:1899-1903 (1994)). Several plasmids from Lactobacillus plantarum have also been reported (e.g., van 40 Kranenburg R, Golic N, Bongers R, Leer R J, de Vos W M, Siezen R J, Kleerebezem M. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 2005 March; 71(3): 1223-1230). For example, expression of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in Lactobacillus plantarum is described in Example 18.

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Enterococcus faecium, Enterococcus gallinarium, and Enterococcus faecalis

The Enterococcus genus belongs to the Lactobacillales family and many plasmids and vectors used in the transfor- 50 mation of Lactobacillus, Bacillus subtilis, and Streptococcus may be used for *Enterococcus*. Non-limiting examples of suitable vectors include pAM\$1 and derivatives thereof (Renault et al., Gene 183:175-182 (1996); and O'Sullivan et al., Gene 137:227-231 (1993)); pMBB1 and pHW800, a 55 derivative of pMBB1 (Wyckoff et al. Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 62:1481-1486 (1996)); pMG1, a conjugative plasmid (Tanimoto et al., J. Bacteriol. 184:5800-5804 (2002)); pNZ9520 (Kleerebezem et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 63:45814584 (1997)); pAM401 (Fujimoto et al., Appl. Envi- 60 ron. Microbiol. 67:1262-1267 (2001)); and pAT392 (Arthur et al., Antimicrob. Agents Chemother. 38:1899-1903 (1994)). Expression vectors for *E. faecalis* using the nisA gene from Lactococcus may also be used (Eichenbaum et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 64:2763-2769 (1998). Additionally, vec- 65 tors for gene replacement in the E. faecium chromosome may be used (Nallaapareddy et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol.

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72:334-345 (2006)). For example, expression of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in *Enterococcus faecalis* is described in Example 19.

Fermentation Media

Fermentation media in the present invention must contain suitable carbon substrates. Suitable substrates may include but are not limited to monosaccharides such as glucose and fructose, oligosaccharides such as lactose or sucrose, polysaccharides such as starch or cellulose or mixtures thereof and unpurified mixtures from renewable feedstocks such as cheese whey permeate, cornsteep liquor, sugar beet molasses, and barley malt. Additionally the carbon substrate may also be one-carbon substrates such as carbon dioxide, or methanol for which metabolic conversion into key biochemical intermediates has been demonstrated. In addition to one and two carbon substrates methylotrophic organisms are also known to utilize a number of other carbon containing compounds such as methylamine, glucosamine and a variety of amino acids for metabolic activity. For example, methylotrophic yeast are known to utilize the carbon from methylamine to form trehalose or glycerol (Bellion et al., Microb. Growth C1 Compd., [Int. Symp.], 7th (1993), 415-32. Editor(s): Murrell, J. Collin; Kelly, Don P. Publisher: Intercept, Andover, UK). Similarly, various species of Candida will metabolize alanine or oleic acid (Sulter et al., Arch. Microbiol. 153:485-489 (1990)). Hence it is contemplated that the source of carbon utilized in the present invention may encompass a wide variety of carbon containing substrates and will only be limited by the choice of organism.

Although it is contemplated that all of the above mentioned carbon substrates and mixtures thereof are suitable in the present invention, preferred carbon substrates are glucose, fructose, and sucrose.

In addition to an appropriate carbon source, fermentation media must contain suitable minerals, salts, cofactors, buffers and other components, known to those skilled in the art, suitable for the growth of the cultures and promotion of the enzymatic pathway necessary for 1-butanol production. Culture Conditions

Typically cells are grown at a temperature in the range of about 25° C. to about 40° C. in an appropriate medium. Suitable growth media in the present invention are common commercially prepared media such as Luria Bertani (LB) broth, Sabouraud Dextrose (SD) broth or Yeast medium (YM) broth. Other defined or synthetic growth media may also be used and the appropriate medium for growth of the particular microorganism will be known by one skilled in the art of microbiology or fermentation science. The use of agents known to modulate catabolite repression directly or indirectly, e.g., cyclic adenosine 2':3'-monophosphate, may also be incorporated into the fermentation medium.

Suitable pH ranges for the fermentation are between pH 5.0 to pH 9.0, where pH 6.0 to pH 8.0 is preferred as the initial condition.

Fermentations may be performed under aerobic or anaerobic conditions, where anaerobic or microaerobic conditions are preferred.

The amount of 1-butanol produced in the fermentation medium can be determined using a number of methods known in the art, for example, high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) or gas chromatography (GC). Industrial Batch and Continuous Fermentations

The present process employs a batch method of fermentation. A classical batch fermentation is a closed system where the composition of the medium is set at the beginning of the fermentation and not subject to artificial alterations during the fermentation. Thus, at the beginning of the fermentation the

medium is inoculated with the desired organism or organisms, and fermentation is permitted to occur without adding anything to the system. Typically, however, a "batch" fermentation is batch with respect to the addition of carbon source and attempts are often made at controlling factors such as pH 5 and oxygen concentration. In batch systems the metabolite and biomass compositions of the system change constantly up to the time the fermentation is stopped. Within batch cultures cells moderate through a static lag phase to a high growth log phase and finally to a stationary phase where 10 growth rate is diminished or halted. If untreated, cells in the stationary phase will eventually die. Cells in log phase generally are responsible for the bulk of production of end product or intermediate.

A variation on the standard batch system is the Fed-Batch 15 system. Fed-Batch fermentation processes are also suitable in the present invention and comprise a typical batch system with the exception that the substrate is added in increments as the fermentation progresses. Fed-Batch systems are useful when catabolite repression is apt to inhibit the metabolism of 20 the cells and where it is desirable to have limited amounts of substrate in the media. Measurement of the actual substrate concentration in Fed-Batch systems is difficult and is therefore estimated on the basis of the changes of measurable factors such as pH, dissolved oxygen and the partial pressure 25 of waste gases such as CO₂. Batch and Fed-Batch fermentations are common and well known in the art and examples may be found in Thomas D. Brock in Biotechnology: A Textbook of Industrial Microbiology, Second Edition (1989) Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, Mass., or Deshpande, 30 Mukund V., Appl. Biochem. Biotechnol., 36:227, (1992), herein incorporated by reference.

Although the present invention is performed in batch mode it is contemplated that the method would be adaptable to continuous fermentation methods. Continuous fermentation 35 is an open system where a defined fermentation medium is added continuously to a bioreactor and an equal amount of conditioned media is removed simultaneously for processing. Continuous fermentation generally maintains the cultures at a constant high density where cells are primarily in log phase 40 growth.

Continuous fermentation allows for the modulation of one factor or any number of factors that affect cell growth or end product concentration. For example, one method will maintain a limiting nutrient such as the carbon source or nitrogen 45 level at a fixed rate and allow all other parameters to moderate. In other systems a number of factors affecting growth can be altered continuously while the cell concentration, measured by media turbidity, is kept constant. Continuous systems strive to maintain steady state growth conditions and 50 thus the cell loss due to the medium being drawn off must be balanced against the cell growth rate in the fermentation. Methods of modulating nutrients and growth factors for continuous fermentation processes as well as techniques for maximizing the rate of product formation are well known in 55 the art of industrial microbiology and a variety of methods are detailed by Brock, supra.

It is contemplated that the present invention may be practiced using either batch, fed-batch or continuous processes and that any known mode of fermentation would be suitable. 60 Additionally, it is contemplated that cells may be immobilized on a substrate as whole cell catalysts and subjected to fermentation conditions for 1-butanol production.

Methods for 1-butanol Isolation from the Fermentation Medium

The bioproduced 1-butanol may be isolated from the fermentation medium using methods known in the art. For 18

example, solids may be removed from the fermentation medium by centrifugation, filtration, decantation, or the like. Then, the 1-butanol may be isolated from the fermentation medium, which has been treated to remove solids as described above, using methods such as distillation, liquidliquid extraction, or membrane-based separation. Because 1-butanol forms a low boiling point, azeotropic mixture with water, distillation can only be used to separate the mixture up to its azeotropic composition. Distillation may be used in combination with another separation method to obtain separation around the azeotrope. Methods that may be used in combination with distillation to isolate and purify 1-butanol include, but are not limited to, decantation, liquid-liquid extraction, adsorption, and membrane-based techniques. Additionally, 1-butanol may be isolated using azeotropic distillation using an entrainer (see for example Doherty and Malone, Conceptual Design of Distillation Systems, McGraw Hill, N.Y., 2001).

The 1-butanol-water mixture forms a heterogeneous azeotrope so that distillation may be used in combination with decantation to isolate and purify the 1-butanol. In this method, the 1-butanol containing fermentation broth is distilled to near the azeotropic composition. Then, the azeotropic mixture is condensed, and the 1-butanol is separated from the fermentation medium by decantation. The decanted aqueous phase may be returned to the first distillation column as reflux. The 1-butanol-rich decanted organic phase may be further purified by distillation in a second distillation column.

The 1-butanol may also be isolated from the fermentation medium using liquid-liquid extraction in combination with distillation. In this method, the 1-butanol is extracted from the fermentation broth using liquid-liquid extraction with a suitable solvent. The 1-butanol-containing organic phase is then distilled to separate the 1-butanol from the solvent.

Distillation in combination with adsorption may also be used to isolate 1-butanol from the fermentation medium. In this method, the fermentation broth containing the 1-butanol is distilled to near the azeotropic composition and then the remaining water is removed by use of an adsorbent, such as molecular sieves (Aden et al. *Lignocellulosic Biomass to Ethanol Process Design and Economics Utilizing Co-Current Dilute Acid Prehydrolysis and Enzymatic Hydrolysis for Corn Stover*, Report NREL/TP-510-32438, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, June 2002).

Additionally, distillation in combination with pervaporation may be used to isolate and purify the 1-butanol from the fermentation medium. In this method, the fermentation broth containing the 1-butanol is distilled to near the azeotropic composition, and then the remaining water is removed by pervaporation through a hydrophilic membrane (Guo et al., *J. Membr. Sci.* 245, 199-210 (2004)).

EXAMPLES

The present invention is further defined in the following Examples. It should be understood that these Examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only. From the above discussion and these Examples, one skilled in the art can ascertain the essential characteristics of this invention, and without departing from the spirit and scope thereof, can make various changes and modifications of the invention to adapt it to various uses and conditions.

General Methods

Standard recombinant DNA and molecular cloning techniques used in the Examples are well known in the art and are described by Sambrook, J., Fritsch, E. F. and Maniatis, T.

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Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press: Cold Spring Harbor, (1989) (Maniatis) and by T. J. Silhavy, M. L. Bennan, and L. W. Enquist, Experiments with Gene Fusions, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1984) and by 5 Ausubel, F. M. et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, pub. by Greene Publishing Assoc. and Wiley-Interscience (1987).

Materials and methods suitable for the maintenance and growth of bacterial cultures are well known in the art. Techniques suitable for use in the following examples may be found as set out in Manual of Methods for General Bacteriology (Phillipp Gerhardt, R. G. E. Murray, Ralph N. Costilow Eugene W. Nester, Willis A. Wood, Noel R. Krieg and G Briggs Phillips, eds), American Society for Microbiology Washington, D.C. (1994)) or by Thomas D. Brock in Biotechnology: A Textbook of Industrial Microbiology, Second Edition, Sinauer Associates, Inc., Sunderland, Mass. (1989). Al reagents, restriction enzymes and materials used for the growth and maintenance of bacterial cells were obtained from Aldrich Chemicals (Milwaukee, Wis.), BD Diagnostic Systems (Sparks, Md.), Life Technologies (Rockville, Md.), or Sigma Chemical Company (St. Louis, Mo.) unless otherwise specified.

The oligonucleotide primers used for cloning in the following Examples are given in Table 4. The primers used to sequence or screen the cloned genes are given in Table 5. All the oligonucleotide primers were synthesized by Sigma-Genosys (Woodlands, Tex.).

TABLE 4

	Oliqo	nucleotide Cloning Pri	mers
Gene	Primer Name	Sequence	SEQ ID Descrip- NO:tion
crt	из	CACCATGGAACTAAACAAT GTCATCCTTG	17 crt forward
crt	N4	CCTCCTATCTATTTTTGAA GCCTTC	18 crt reverse
hbd	N5	CACCATGAAAAAGGTATGT GTTATAGGT	19 hbd forward
hbd	N6	CATTTGATAATGGGGATTC TTGT	20 hbd reverse
thlA	N7	CACCATGAAAGAAGTTGTA ATAGCTAGTGC	21 thlA forward
thlA	И8	CTAGCACTTTTCTAGCAAT ATTGCTG	22 thlA reverse
bdhA	N 9	CACCATGCTAAGTTTTGAT TATTCAATAC	23 bdhA forward
bdhA	N10	TTAATAAGATTTTTTAAATA TCTCA	24 bdhA reverse
bdhB	N11	CACCATGGTTGATTTCGAA TATTCAATACC	25 bdhB forward
bdhB	N12	TTACACAGATTTTTTGAATA TTTGT	26 bdhB reverse
thlB	N15	CACCATGAGAGATGTAGTA ATAGTAAGTGCTG	27 thlB forward
thlB	N16	CCGCAATTGTATCCATATT GAACC	28 thlB reverse

TABLE 4-continued
Oligonucleotide Cloning Primers

CACCATGATAGTAAAAGCA

GCTTAAAGCTTAAAACCGC

Sequence

AAGTTTG

TTCTGGCG

Primer

Name

SEO

ID Descrip-

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forward

reverse

NO:tion

i- v,		ald	N27F1	CACCATGAATAAAGACACA CTAATACC	31	ald forward
у, у,	15	ald	N28R1	GCCAGACCATCTTTGAAAA TGCGC	32	ald reverse
ı- i- 11		thlA	N44	CATGCATGCAAAGGAGGTT AGTAGAATGAAAGAAG	33	thlA forward
e n	20	thlA	N45	GTCCTGCAGGGCGCGCCC AATACTTTCTAGCACTTTTC	34	thlA reverse
or e		hbd	N42	CATGTCGACAAAGGAGGT CTGTTTAATGAAAAAGGTA TG	35	hbd forward
l- o	25	hbd	N43	GTCGCATGCCTTGTAAACT TATTTTGAA	36	hbd reverse
11 1-	20	CAC0462	N68	CATAGATCTGGATCCAAAG GAGGGTGAGGAAATGATA GTAAAAG	37	CAC0462 forward
	30	CAC0462	N69	CATGTCGACGTGCAGCCTT TTTAAGGTTCT	38	CAC0462 reverse
_		crt	N38	CATGAATTCACGCGTAAAG GAGGTATTAGTCATGGAAC	39	crt forward
_	35	crt	N39	GTCGGATCCCTTACCTCCT ATCTATTTTTG	40	crt reverse
	40	ald	N58	CATGCCCGGGGGTCACCA AAGGAGGAATAGTTCATGA ATAAA		ald forward
		ald	N59	CATGGTTAACAAGAAGTTA GCCGGCAAGTACA	42	ald reverse
	45	bdhB	N64	CATGGTTAACAAAGGAGG GGTTAAAATGGTTGATTTC GAAT	43	bdhB forward
		bdhB	N65	CATGGCATGCGTTTAAACG TAGGTTTACACAGATTTT	44	bdhB reverse
	50	_	BenF	ACTTTCTTTCGCCTGTTTC AC	73	_
	55	_	BenMA R	CATGAAGCTTGGCGCGCC GGGACGCGTTTTTGAAAAT AATGAAAACT	74	_
	60	_	BenBPR	CATGAAGCTTGTTTAAACT CGGTGACCTTGAAAATAAT GAAAACTTATATTGTTTTGA AAATAATGAAAACTTATATT G	75	-
	00	EgTER (opt)	N85	CATAGATCTGGATCCAAAG GAGGGTGAGGAAATGGCG ATGTTTACG	80	Egter forward
	65	EgTER (opt)	N86	GTCGACTTACTGCTGGGC GG	81	Egter reverse

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	TABLE 4-Conclinued			TABLE 4-CONCINUED					
	Oliqor	nucleotide Cloning Pri	mers		Oligonucleotide Cloning Primers				
Gene	Primer Name	Sequence	SEQ ID Descrip- NO:tion	5	Gene	Primer Name	Sequence	SEQ ID Descrip- NO:tion	
Ptrc- ald(opt)	T- Ptrc(Bsp El)	TTCCGTACTTCCGGACGAC TGCACGGTGCACCAATGC TTCTG	87Ptrc forward	'	GAL1- GAL10	ОТ733	GCAGTCGATACAATGTAAA CGTTCTGAGGCATGCATAT TGAATTTTCAAAAAATCTTA	166GAL1- GAL10 forward	
Ptrc- ald(opt)	B- aldopt(S cal)	CGGATCTTAAGTACTTTAA 5 C CCGCCAGCACACAGCGGC	88ald reverse	10	GAL1-	OT734	CTTTTTTTTTGGATGGACG CA ACCTGCACCTATAACACAT	167GAL1-	
ald	AF BamHI	GCTGG CATTGGATCCATGAATAAA GACACACTAATACCTACAA	93ald forward	15	GAL10		ACCTTTTCCATGGTAGTTT TTTCTCCTTGACGTTAAAG TATAGAGGTATATTA	GAL10 reverse	
ald		C CATGACGTCACTAGTGTTA	94 ald		hbd	ОТ735	AAAAACTACCATGGAAAAG GTATGTGTTATAGGTGCAG GTACTATGGGTTCAGGAAT	168hbd forward	
EgTER	Forward	ACAAGAAGTTAGCCGGCA AG CATGTTAACAAAGGAGGAA	reverse	20	hbd	OT736	TGC GTAAAAAAAAGAAGGCCGT ATAGGCCTTATTTTGAATA	169hbd reverse	
EGIEK	1 (E)	AGATCTATGGCGATGTTTA CGACCACCGCAA	95 EgTER SOE forward				ATGGTAGAAACCTTTTCCT GATTTTCTTCCAAG	reverse	
EgTER bdh	Bottom Reverse 1 (E)	CCCCTCCTTTGGCGCGCC TTACTGCTGGGCGGCGCT CGGCAGA GCCCAGCAGTAAGGCGCG	96 EgTER SOE reverse 97 bdh SOE	25	GAL1t	OT737	ACGATTATTCAAAATAAGG CCTATACGGCCTTCTTTT TTTACTTTGTTCAGAACAA CTTCTCATTTTTTTCTACTC ATAA	170GAL1t forward	
	Forward 2 (B)	CCAAAGGAGGGGTTAAAAT GGTTGATTTCGAAT	forward	30	GAL1t	OT738	GAATTGGGTACCGGGCCC CCCCTCGAGGTCGACCGA	171GAL1t reverse	
bdh	Reverse 2 (B)	GTCGACGTCATACTAGTTT ACACAGATTTTTTGAATATT TGT	98bdh SOE reverse		thlA	OT797	TGCCTCATAAACTTCGGTA GTTATATTACTCTGAGAT AAAGTAAGAATTTTTGAAA	172thlA	
_	Pamy/la cO F	CATTGTACAGAATTCGAGC TCTCGAGGCCCCGCACAT ACGAAAAGAC	99 Pamy forward	35	CHIA	01797	ATTCAATATGCATGCAAGA AGTTGTAATAGCTAGTGCA GTAAGAAC	forward	
_	Pamy/la cO R	CATTGTACAGTTTAAACAT AGGTCACCCTCATTTTCGT AGGAATTGTTATCC	100Pamy reverse		thlA	OT798	GAAAAAGATCATGAGAAAA TCGCAGAACGTAAGGCGC GCCTCAGCACTTTTCTAGC AATATTGCTGTTCCTTG	173 thlA reverse	
_	Spac F	CATCTCGAGTAATTCTACA CAGCCCAGTCC	101Pspac forward	40	CUP1	OT806	CTCGAAAATAGGGCGCGC CCCCATTACCGACATTTGG GCGC	174 CUP1 forward	
thl	Spac R Top TF	CATGTTTAAACGGTGACCC AAGCTGGGGATCCGCGG CATTGGTCACCATTCCCGG	102 Pspac reverse 103 thl SOE	45	CUP1	OT807	ACTGCACTAGCTATTACAA CTTCTTGCATGCGTGATGA TTGATTGATTGATTGTA	175 CUP1 reverse	
		GCATGCAAAGGAGGTTAG TAGAATG	Forward		GPD promoter	OT808	TCGGTAATGGGGGCGCGC CCTATTTTCGAGGACCTTG	176GPD promoter	
thl	Bot TR	CCTTTACGCGACCGGTACT AGTCAAGTCGACAGGGCG CGCCCAATACTTTC	104thl SOE reverse	50	GPD promoter	OT809	TCACCTTGA TTTCGAATAAACACACATA AACAAACACCCCATGGAAA	forward 177GPD promoter	
crt	Top CF	CGCGCCCTGTCGACTTGA CTAGTACCGGTCGCGTAAA GGAGGTATTAGTCATGGAA	105crt SOE forward		-		AGGTATGTGTTATAGGTGC AGG	reverse	
crt	Bot CR	C CATCGTTTAAACTTGGATC CAGATCCCTTACCTCCTAT	106crt SOE reverse	55	FBA1 promoter	OT799	TACCGGGCCCCCCTCGA GGTCGACGGCGCCACT GGTAGAGAGCGACTTTGTA TGCCCCA	178FBA1 promoter forward	
ERG10- ERG10t	OT731	AAAGCTGGAGCTCCACCG CGGTGGCGGCCGCTCTAG AAGTTTTCAAAGCAGAGTT TCGTTTGAATATTTTACCA	164 ERG10- ERG10t forward	60	FBA1 promoter	OT761	CTTGGCCTTCACTAGCATG CTGAATATGTATTACTTGG TTATGGTTATATATGACAAA AG	179 FBA1 promoter reverse	
ERG10- ERG10t	OT732	TTCAATATGCATGCCTCAG AACGTTTACATTGTATCGA CTGCCAGAACCC	165 ERG10- ERG10t reverse	65	GPM1 promoter	OT803	CCCTCACTAAAGGGAACAA AAGCTGGAGCTCGATATC GGCGCGCCCACATGCAGT GATGCACGCGCGA	180 GPM1 promoter forward	

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	Oliqo	nucleotide Cloning Pri	mers	-		Oli	.qonu	cleotide Cloning Pri	mers	
Gene	Primer Name	Sequence	SEQ ID Descrip- NO:tion	5	Gene	Prime Name		equence	SEQ ID Descr NO:tion	ip-
GPM1 promote	OT804 r	AAGGATGACATTGTTTAGT TCCATGGTTGTAATATGTG TGTTTGTTTGG	181GPM1 promoter reverse	-	Cm	Cm R		CGCGTTATTATAAAAGCC GTCATTAGG	201Cm rever	se
crt	OT785	CACACATATTACAACCATG GAACTAAACAATGTCATCC TTGAAAAGGAAGG	182Crt forward	10	P11	P11 F	1	CGAGAGCGCTATAGTTGT GACAGAATGGACATACTA GATATATTGTTGCTATAG GCCC	202P11 promo forwa	
crt	OT786	ATCATTCATTGGCCATTCA GGCCTTATCTATTTTTGAA GCCTTCAATTTTTCTTTCT CTATG	183Crt reverse	15	P11	P11 R	1	GGCGCTATAGCAACAATA ATCATAGTATGTCCATTCT TCAACAACTATAGCGCTC	203 P11 promo rever	
GPM1 termin- ator	t OT787	CAAAAATAGATAAGGCCTG AATGGCCAATGAATGATTT GATGATTTCTTTTTCCCTC	184GPM1t termin- ator		PldhL	PldhL		BAGCTCGTCGACAAACCA CATTATGACGTGTCTGGG !	204ldhL promo forwa	
GPM1t	OT805	CATTTTC GAATTGGGTACCGGGCCC	forward 185GPM1t	20	PldhL	PldhL		GATCCTACCATGTTTGTG AAAATAAGTG	205ldhL promo rever	
termin- ator		CCCCTCGAGGTCGACTTAT AGTATTATATTTTCTGATTT GGTTATAGCAAGCAGCGTT T	termin- ator reverse	25	PnisA	F-Pni (EcoR		TCAGTGATATCGACATAC TGAATGACCTAGTC	206 PnisA forwa	
GPD promote	OT800 r	GGGAACAAAAGCTGGAGC TCCACCGCGGTGGGGCGC GCCTATTTTCGAGGACCT TGTCACCTTGAGCC	190 GPD promoter forward		PnisA	R- PnisA mel BamHI	(P (TGATTAGTTTAAACTGTA GATCCTTTGAGTGCCTCC TATAATTTA	207PnisA rever	
GPD promote	OT758 r	TTAAGGTATCTTTATCCAT GGTGTTTGTTTATGTGTGT TTATTCGAAACT	191GPD promoter reverse	30				TABLE 5		
GPD termin- ator	OT754	TTGGGTACCGGGCCCCC CTCGAGGTCGACTGGCCA TTAATCTTTCCCATAT	192GPD termin- ator	35	Sequencing and PCR Screening		rimers	SEQ		
GPD	OT755	TGTGTCCTAGCAGGTTAGG	forward 193GPD		Name		Sequ	ence	Gene- specific	ID NO:
termin- ator	01,00	GCCTGCAGGGCCGTGAAT TTACTTTAAATCTTG	termin- ator reverse	40	M13 For	rward	GTAA	AACGACGGCCAGT	TOPO vector	45
FBA1 promote	0T760 r	CGAAAATAGGGCGCGCCA CTGGTAGAGAGCGACTTT	194 FBA1 promoter		M13 Rev			GCTATGACCATG	TOPO vector	46
		GTATGCCCCAATTG	forward		N7SeqF1	L	GCAG	GAGATGCTGACGTAATAA	thlA	47
FBA1 promote	OT792 r	CCCTTGACGAACTTGGCCT TCACTAGCATGCTGAATAT	195 FBA1 promoter	45	n/beqiti			CCTGCTTTTTCAATAGCTGC		48
		GTATTACTTGGTTATGGTT ATATATGACAAAAG	reverse		N15SeqF	,T	CAGA	GATGGGGTCAAAGAATG	thlB	49
FBA1 termin-	OT791	CCCTTGACGAACTTGGCCT TCACTAGCATGCTGAATAT	196 FBA1 termin-	50	N16SeqF			TTTTATTCCGAGAGCG TATACTTAGAATCTCC	th1B hbd	50 51
ator		GTATTACTTGGTTATGGTT ATATATGACAAAAG	ator forward	30	N6SeqR2			ACAGTTGACCTTAATATGGC		52
FBA1	OT765	GGAACAAAAGCTGGAGCT	197 FBA1		N22SeqF	71	GCCT	CATCTGGGTTTGGTCTTG	CAC0426	53
termin- ator		CCACCGCGGTGGTTTAAC GTATAGACTTCTAATATATT TCTCCATACTTGGTATT	termin- ator reverse	55	N22SeqF		CGCC	TAGGAGAAAGGACTATAAAA	CAC0426	54
ldhL	LDH EcoRV	GACGTCATGACCACCCGC CGATCCCTTTT	198ldhL forward		N22SeqF	73	CAGA	GTTATAGGTGGTAGAGCC	CAC0426	55
	ECORV F	CONTCCCITT	TOTWARG	60	N23SeqF			CCCGCTGTTCCTATTCTTCT		56
ldhL	LDH AatIIR	GATATCCAACACCAGCGAC CGACGTATTAC	199ldhL reverse	50	N23SeqF			TCCTCTCCACCCATTACC CATCCTTAATCTTCCC	CAC0426	57 58
Cm	Cm F	ATTTAAATCTCGAGTAGAG	200 Cm		N31SeqF			CTATGGAATCCCTAGATGC		59
		GATCCCAACAAACGAAAAT TGGATAAAG	forward	65	N31SeqF			AGTCTGCGAAGTAAATGC	ald	60
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Seque	encinq and PCR Screening P	rimers	
Name	Sequence	Gene- specific	SEQ ID NO:
N31SeqF4	GGATCTACTGGTGAAGGCATAACC	ald	61
N32SeqR1	GTTAGCCGGCAAGTACACATC	ald	72
N32SeqR2	GGCATCATGAGTTCTGTCATGAC	ald	62
N32SeqR3	GCCTTCAATGATACTCTTACCAGC	Cald	63
N32SeqR4	GCATTTCCAGCAGCTATCATGC	ald	64
N32SeqR5	CCTTCCCATATGTGTTTCTTCC	ald	65
N11SeqF1	GTTGAAGTAGTACTAGCTATAG	bdhB	66
N11SeqF2	GACATAACACACGGCGTAGGGC	bdhB	67
N12SeqR1	TAAGTGTACACTCCAATTAGTG	bdhB	68
N12SeqR2	GCCATCTAACACAATATCCCATGG	bdhB	69
N9SeqF1	GCGATACATGGGACATGGTTAAAG	bdhA	70
N10SeqR1	TGCACTTAACTCGTGTTCCATA	bdhA	71
T7Primer	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG	pET23 vector	82
Trc99aF	TTGACAATTAATCATCCGGC	p Trc99a vector	83
N5SeqF4	GGTCAACTGTTCCGGAAATTC	hbd	84
T-ald(BamHI)	TGATCTGGATCCAAGAAGGAGCCC TTCACCATGAATAAAGACACAC	ald	85
B-ald(EgTER)	CATCGCCATTTCCTCACCCTCCTT TTAGCCGGCAAGTACACATCTTCT TGTC		86
N3SeqF1	CCATCATACCATACTGACCC	crt	107
N3SeqF2	GCTACTGGAGCATTGCTCAC	crt	108
N3SeqF3	CCATTAACAGCTGCTATTACAGGC	crt	109
N4SeqR3	GGTCTCGGAATAACACCTGG	crt	110
N5SeqF3	CAAGCTTCATAACAGGAGCTGG	hbd	111
N7SeqR2	ATCCCACAATCCGTCAGTGATC	thlA	112
N31SeqF1	CTGAGATAAGAAAGGCCGCA	ald	113
N62SeqF2	CAACCCTGGGCGTGTTTCTG	EgTER	114
N62SeqF3	GTGGCGAAGATTGGGAACTG	EgTER	115
N62SeqF4	GGGAAATGGCAGAAGATGTTCAGC	EgTER	116
N63SeqR1	CGGTCTGATAACCTGCAAAATCGC	EgTER	117
N63SeqR2	CACCAGCGCTTTGGCAACAAC	EgTER	118
N63SeqR3	GAACGTGCATACAGACCTGCTTC	EgTER	119
N63SeqR4	CGGCTGAATAACTTTTGCGG	EgTER	120
Pamy SeqF2	GCCTTTGATGACTGATGATTTGGC	pFP988 vector	121
Pamy SeqF	TCTCCGGTAAACATTACGGCAAAC	pFP988	122

	Seque	ncing and PCR Screening P	rimers	
5	Name	Sequence	Gene- specific	SEQ ID NO:
	Pamy SeqR	CGGTCAGATGCAATTCGACATGTG	pFP988 vector	123
0	SpacF Seq	GAAGTGGTCAAGACCTCACT	Pspac promoter	124
	sacB Up	CGGGTTTGTTACTGATAAAGCAGG	sacB	125
	sacB Dn	CGGTTAGCCATTTGCCTGCTTTTA	sacB	126
15	HT R	ACAAAGATCTCCATGGACGCGT	pHT01 vector	127
	Scr1	CCTTTCTTTGTGAATCGG	CSC	160
20	Scr2	AGAAACAGGGTGTGATCC	CSC	161
	Scr3	AGTGATCATCACCTGTTGCC	CSC	162
	Scr4	AGCACGGCGAGAGTCGACGG	csc	163

25 Methods for Determining 1-butanol Concentration in Culture Media

The concentration of 1-butanol in the culture media can be determined by a number of methods known in the art. For example, a specific high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) method utilized a Shodex SH-1011 column with a Shodex SH-G guard column, both purchased from Waters Corporation (Milford, Mass.), with refractive index (RI) detection. Chromatographic separation was achieved using 0.01 M H₂SO₄ as the mobile phase with a flow rate of 0.5 mL/min and a column temperature of 50° C. 1-butanol had a retention time of 52.8 min under the conditions used. Alternatively, gas chromatography (GC) methods are available. For example, a specific GC method utilized an HP-INNOWax 40 column (30 m×0.53 mm id, 1 μm film thickness, Agilent Technologies, Wilmington, Del.), with a flame ionization detector (FID). The carrier gas was helium at a flow rate of 4.5 mL/min, measured at 150° C. with constant head pressure; injector split was 1:25 at 200° C.; oven temperature was 45° 45 C. for 1 min, 45 to 220° C. at 10° C./min, and 220° C. for 5 min; and FID detection was employed at 240° C. with 26 mL/min helium makeup gas. The retention time of 1-butanol was 5.4 min. A similar GC method using a Varian CP-WAX 58(FFAP) CB column (25 m×0.25 mm id×0.2 μm film thick- $^{50}\,\,$ ness, Varian, Inc., Palo Alto, Calif.) was also used.

The meaning of abbreviations is as follows: "s" means second(s), "min" means minute(s), "h" means hour(s), "psi" means pounds per square inch, "nm" means nanometers, "d" means day(s), "µL" means microliter(s), "mL" means milliliter(s), "L" means liter(s), "mm" means millimeter(s), "nm" means nanometers, "mM" means millimolar, "M" means molar, "mmol" means millimole(s), "umole" means micromole(s)", "g" means gram(s), "µg" means microgram(s) and 60 "ng" means nanogram(s), "PCR" means polymerase chain reaction, "OD" means optical density, "OD600" means the optical density measured at a wavelength of 600 nm, OD₅₅₀" means the optical density measured at a wavelength of 550 nm, "kDa" means kilodaltons, "g" means the gravitation con-65 stant, "rpm" means revolutions per minute, "bp" means base pair(s), "kbp" means kilobase pair(s), "% w/v" means weight/ volume percent, % v/v" means volume/volume percent,

"HPLC" means high performance liquid chromatography, and "GC" means gas chromatography.

Example 1

Cloning and Expression of Acetyl-CoA Acetyltransferase

The purpose of this Example was to express the enzyme acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, also referred to herein as 10 acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase, in *E. coli*. The acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase gene thlA was cloned from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) and expressed in *E. coli*. The thlA gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA using PCR, resulting in a 1.2 kbp product.

The genomic DNA from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) was either purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, Manassas, Va.) or was isolated from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) cultures, as described below.

Genomic DNA from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) was prepared from anaerobically grown cultures. The *Clostridium* strain was grown in 10 mL of Clostridial growth medium (Lopez-Contreras et al., *Appl. Env. Microbiol.* 69(2), 869-877 (2003)) in stoppered and crimped 100 mL Bellco 25 serum bottles (Bellco Glass Inc., Vineland, N.J.) in an anaerobic chamber at 30° C. The inoculum was a single colony from a 2×YTG plate (Kishii, et al., *Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy*, 47(1), 77-81 (2003)) grown in a 2.5 L MGC AnaeroPakTM (Mitsubishi Gas Chemical America Inc, New 30 York, N.Y.) at 37° C.

Genomic DNA was prepared using the Gentra Puregene® kit (Gentra Systems, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.; catalog no. D-6000A) with modifications to the manufacturer's instruction (Wong et al., *Current Microbiology*, 32, 349-356 (1996)). 35 The thlA gene was amplified from *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N7 and N8 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:21 and 22, respectively. Other PCR amplification reagents were supplied in manufacturers' kits for example, Kod HiFi DNA Polymerase (Novagen Inc., Madison, Wis.; catalog no. 71805-3) and used according to the manufacturer's protocol. Amplification was carried out in a DNA Thermocycler GeneAmp 9700 (PE Applied Biosystems, Foster city, CA).

For expression studies the Gateway cloning technology 45 (Invitrogen Corp., Carlsbad, Calif.) was used. The entry vector pENTR/SD/D-TOPO allowed directional cloning and provided a Shine-Dalgarno sequence for the gene of interest. The destination vector pDEST14 used a T7 promoter for expression of the gene with no tag. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/ SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOthIA. The pENTR construct was transformed into E. coli Top10 (Invitrogen) cells and plated 55 according to manufacturer's recommendations. Transformants were grown overnight and plasmid DNA was prepared using the QIAprep Spin Miniprep kit (Qiagen, Valencia, Calif.; catalog no. 27106) according to manufacturer's recommendations. Clones were submitted for sequencing with 60 M13 Forward and Reverse primers (see Table 5), given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46, respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N7SeqF1 and N7SeqR1 (see Table 5), given as SEQ ID NOs:47 and 48, 65 respectively, were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame

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(ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the thlA gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 vector by recombination to generate pDEST14thlA. The pDEST14thlA vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells. Transformants were inoculated into LB medium supplemented with 50 µg/mL of ampicillin and grown overnight. An aliquot of the overnight culture was used to inoculate 50 mL of LB supplemented with 50 μg/mL of ampicillin. The culture was incubated at 37° C. with shaking until the OD_{600} reached 0.6-0.8. The culture was split into two 25-mL cultures and arabinose was added to one of the flasks to a final concentration of 0.2% by weight. The negative control flask was not induced with arabinose. The flasks were incubated for 4 h at 37° C. with shaking. Cells were harvested by centrifugation and the cell pellets were resuspended in 50 mM MOPS, pH 7.0 buffer. The cells were disrupted either by sonication or by passage through a French Pressure Cell. The 20 whole cell lysate was centrifuged yielding the supernatant or cell free extract and the pellet or the insoluble fraction. An aliquot of each fraction (whole cell lysate, cell free extract and insoluble fraction) was resuspended in SDS (MES) loading buffer (Invitrogen), heated to 85° C. for 10 min and subjected to SDS-PAGE analysis (NUPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris Gel, catalog no. NP0322Box, Invitrogen). A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 41 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture but not in the uninduced control.

Acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase activity in the cell free extracts was measured as degradation of a Mg^{2+} -acetoacetyl-CoA complex by monitoring the decrease in absorbance at 303 nm. Standard assay conditions were 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM DTT (dithiothreitol) and 10 mM MgCl $_2$. The cocktail was equilibrated for 5 min at 37° C.; then the cell-free extract was added. The reaction was initiated with the addition of 0.05 mM acetoacetyl-CoA plus 0.2 mM CoA. Protein concentration was measured by either the Bradford method or by the Bicinchoninic Kit (Sigma, catalog no. BCA-1). Bovine serum albumin (Bio-Rad, Hercules, Calif.) was used as the standard in both cases. In one typical assay, the specific activity of the ThIA protein in the induced culture was determined to be 16.0 μ mol mg^{-1} min $^{-1}$ compared to 0.27 μ mol mg^{-1} min $^{-1}$ in the uninduced culture.

Example 2

Cloning and Expression of Acetyl-CoA Acetyltransferase

The purpose of this Example was to express the enzyme acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, also referred to herein as acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase, in *E. coli*. The acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase gene thlB was cloned from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) and expressed in *E. coli*. The thlB gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA using PCR

The thIB gene was cloned and expressed in the same manner as the thIA gene described in Example 1. The *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA was amplified by PCR using primers N15 and N16 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:27 and 28, respectively, creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CCAC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOthIB. Clones were submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers,

given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N15SeqF1 and N16SeqR1 (see Table 5), given as SEQ ID NOs:49 and 50 respectively, were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the thlB gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to generate pDEST14thlB. The pDEST14thlB vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 42 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture, but not in the uninduced control. Enzyme assays were performed as described in Example 1. In one typical assay, the specific activity of the ThlB protein in the induced culture was determined to be 14.9 µmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ compared to 0.28/ 20 µmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ in the uninduced culture.

Example 3

Cloning and Expression of 3-Hydroxybutyryl-CoA Dehydrogenase

The purpose of this Example was to clone the hbd gene from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) and express it in *E. coli*. The hbd gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 30 824) genomic DNA using PCR.

The hbd gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The hbd gene was amplified from C. acetobutylicum (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N5 and N6 (see Table 4) given as SEQ ID NOs:19 and 35 20 respectively, creating a 881 bp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOhbd. Clones were submitted for 40 sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers, given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N5SeqF2 and N6SeqR2 (see Table 5), given as SEQ ID NOs:51 and 52 45 respectively, were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:6, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the hbd gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to generate pDEST14hbd. The pDEST14hbd vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in 55 Example 1. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 31 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture, but was absent in the uninduced control.

Hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase activity was determined by measuring the rate of oxidation of NADH as measured by the decrease in absorbance at 340 nm. A standard assay mixture contained 50 mM MOPS, pH 7.0, 1 mM DTT and 0.2 mM NADH. The cocktail was equilibrated for 5 min at 37° C. and then the cell free extract was added. Reactions 65 were initiated by addition of the substrate, 0.1 mM acetoacetyl-CoA. In one typical assay, the specific activity of

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the BHBD protein in the induced culture was determined to be 57.4 μ mol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ compared to 0.885 μ mol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ in the uninduced culture.

Example 4

Cloning and Expression of Crotonase

The purpose of this Example was to clone the crt gene from C. acetobutylicum (ATCC 824) and express it in E. coli. The pred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination generate pDEST14thlB. The pDEST14thlB vector was

The crt gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The crt gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N3 and N4 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:17 and 18, respectively, creating a 794 bp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOcrt. Clones were submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers, given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and its predicted amino acid sequence are given as SEQ ID NO:7 and SEQ ID NO:8, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the crt gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to generate pDEST14crt. The pDEST14crt vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in Example 1. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 28 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in much greater amounts in the induced culture than in the uninduced control.

Crotonase activity was assayed as described by Stern (*Methods Enzymol.* 1, 559-566, (1954)). In one typical assay, the specific activity of the crotonase protein in the induced culture was determined to be $444 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ compared to $47 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ in the uninduced culture.

Example 5

Cloning and Expression of Butyryl-CoA Dehydrogenase

The purpose of this Example was to express the enzyme butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, also referred to herein as trans-50 2-Enoyl-CoA reductase, in *E. coli*. The CAC0462 gene, a putative trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase homolog, was cloned from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) and expressed in *E. coli*. The CAC0462 gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA using PCR.

The CAC0462 gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The CAC0462 gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N17 and N21 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:29 and 30, respectively, creating a 1.3 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOCAC0462. Clones were submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers, given as SEQ ID NO:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers,

N22SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:53), N22SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:54), N22SeqF3 (SEQ ID NO:55), N23SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:56), N23SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:57), and N23SeqR3 (SEQ ID NO:58) (see Table 5) were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the CAC0462 gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombigenerate pDEST14CAC0462. pDEST14CA0462 vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in Example 1. Analysis by SDS-PAGE showed no overexpressed protein of the expected 15 molecular weight in the negative control or in the induced culture. The C. acetobutylicum CAC0462 gene used many rare E. coli codons. To circumvent problems with codon usage the pRARE plasmid (Novagen) was transformed into BL21-AI cells harboring the pDEST14CAC0462 vector. 20 Expression studies with arabinose induction were repeated with cultures carrying the pRARE vector. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 46 kDa was present in the induced culture but not in the uninduced control.

Trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase activity was assayed as 25 described by Hoffmeister et al. (*J. Biol. Chem.* 280, 4329-4338 (2005)). In one typical assay, the specific activity of the TER CAC0462 protein in the induced culture was determined to be $0.694 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ compared to $0.0128 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ in the uninduced culture.

Example 6

Cloning and Expression of Butyraldehyde Dehydrogenase (Acetylating)

The purpose of this Example was to clone the ald gene from *C. beijerinckii* (ATCC 35702) and express it in *E. coli*. The ald gene was amplified from *C. beijerinckii* (ATCC 35702) genomic DNA using PCR.

The ald gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The ald gene was amplified from C. beijerinckii (ATCC 35702) genomic DNA (prepared from anaerobically grown cultures, as described in Example 1) by PCR using primers N27 F1 and N28 R1 (see Table 4), given 45 as SEQ ID NOs:31 and 32 respectively, creating a 1.6 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPOald. Clones were 50 submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers, given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N31SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:59), N31SeqF3 (SEQ ID NO:60), 55 N31SeqF4 (SEQ ID NO:61), N32SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:72), N31SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:62), N31SeqR3 (SEQ ID NO:63), N31SeqR4 (SEQ ID NO:64), and N31SeqR5 (SEQ ID NO:65) (see Table 5) were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading 60 frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:11 and SEQ ID NO:12, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the ald gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to 65 generate pDEST14ald. The pDEST14ald vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 pro-

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moter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in Example 1. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 51 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture, but not in the uninduced control

Acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase activity was determined by monitoring the formation of NADH, as measured by the increase in absorbance at 340 nm, as described by Husemann et al. (*Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol.* 31:435-444 (1989)). In one typical assay, the specific activity of the Aid protein in the induced culture was determined to be 0.106 μmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ compared to 0.01 μmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ in the uninduced culture

Example 7

Cloning and Expression of Butanol Dehydrogenase

The purpose of this Example was to clone the bdhB gene from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) and express it in *E. coli*. The bdhB gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA using PCR.

The bdhB gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The bdhB gene was amplified from C. acetobutylicum (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N11 and N12 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:25 and 26, respectively, creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPObdhB. The translational start codon was also changed from "GTG" to "ATG" by the primer sequence. Clones were submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and Reverse primers, given as SEQ ID NOs:45 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the 35 correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N1SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:66), N1SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:67), N12SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:68), and N12SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:69), (see Table 5) were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:13 and SEQ ID NO:14, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the bdhB gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to generate pDEST14bdhB. The pDEST14bdhB vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in Example 1. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 43 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture, but not in the uninduced control.

Butanol dehydrogenase activity was determined from the rate of oxidation of NADH as measured by the decrease in absorbance at 340 nm as described by Husemann and Papoutsakis, supra. In one typical assay, the specific activity of the BdhB protein in the induced culture was determined to be $0.169 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ compared to $0.022 \, \mu \text{mol mg}^{-1} \, \text{min}^{-1}$ in the uninduced culture.

Example 8

Cloning and Expression of Butanol Dehydrogenase

The purpose of this Example was to clone the bdhA gene from *C. acetobutylicum* 824 and express it in *E. coli*. The bdhA gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* 824 genomic DNA using PCR.

The bdhA gene was cloned and expressed using the method described in Example 1. The bdhA gene was amplified from C. acetobutylicum 824 genomic DNA by PCR using primers N9 and N10 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:23 and 24, respectively, creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated four bases (CACC) immediately adjacent to the translational start codon to allow directional cloning into pENTR/SD/D-TOPO (Invitrogen) to generate the plasmid pENTRSDD-TOPObdhA. Clones, given as SEQ ID NOs:45 10 and 46 respectively, to confirm that the genes inserted in the correct orientation and to confirm the sequence. Additional sequencing primers, N9SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:70) and N10SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:71), (see Table 5) were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The nucleotide sequence of the open reading frame (ORF) for this gene and the predicted amino acid sequence of the enzyme are given as SEQ ID NO:15 and SEQ ID NO:16, respectively.

To create an expression clone, the bdhA gene was transferred to the pDEST 14 (Invitrogen) vector by recombination to generate pDEST14bdhA. The pDEST14bdhA vector was transformed into BL21-AI cells and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of arabinose, as described in Example 1. A protein of the expected molecular weight of about 43 kDa, as deduced from the nucleic acid sequence, was present in the induced culture, but not in the uninduced control.

Butanol dehydrogenase activity was determined from the rate of oxidation of NADH as measured by the decrease in absorbance at 340 nm, as described by Husemann and Papoutsakis, supra. In one typical assay, the specific activity of the BdhA protein in the induced culture was determined to be 0.102 $\mu mol\ mg^{-1}\ min^{-1}$ compared to 0.028 $\mu mol\ mg^{-1}\ 35$ min^{-1} in the uninduced culture

Example 9

Construction of a Transformation Vector for the Genes in the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway

Lower Pathway

To construct a transformation vector comprising the genes 45 encoding the six steps in the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway, the genes encoding the 6 steps in the pathway were divided into two operons. The upper pathway comprises the first four steps catalyzed by acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, 3-hydroxy-butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, crotonase, and butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase. The lower pathway comprises the last two steps, catalyzed by butyraldehyde dehydrogenase and butanol dehydrogenase.

The purpose of this Example was to construct the lower pathway operon. Construction of the upper pathway operon is described in Example 10.

The individual genes were amplified by PCR with primers that incorporated restriction sites for later cloning and the forward primers contained an optimized *E. coli* ribosome binding site (AAAGGAGG). PCR products were TOPO cloned into the pCR 4Blunt-TOPO vector and transformed into *E. coli* Top10 cells (Invitrogen). Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes was verified. Restriction enzymes and T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, Mass.) were used according to manufacturer's recommendations. For cloning experiments,

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restriction fragments were purified by gel electrophoresis using QIAquick Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen).

After confirmation of the sequence, the genes were subcloned into a modified pUC19 vector as a cloning platform. The pUC19 vector was modified by a HindIII/SapI digest, creating pUC19dHS. The digest removed the lac promoter adjacent to the MCS (multiple cloning site), preventing transcription of the operons in the vector.

The ald gene was amplified from *C. beijerinckii* ATCC 35702 genomic DNA by PCR using primers N58 and N59 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:41 and 42, respectively, creating a 1.5 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated the restriction sites AvaI and BstEII and a RBS (ribosome binding site). The reverse primer incorporated the HpaI restriction site. The PCR product was cloned into pCRBlunt II-TOPO creating pCRBluntII-aid. Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N31SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:59), N31SeqF3 (SEQ ID NO:60), N31SeqF4 (SEQ ID NO:61), N32SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:63), N31SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:62), N31SeqR3SEQ ID NO:63), N31SeqR4 (SEQ ID NO:64), and N31SeqR5 (SEQ ID NO:65) (see Table 5).

The bdhB gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primers N64 and N65 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:43 and 44, respectively, creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated an HpaI restriction site and a RBS. The reverse primer incorporated a PmeI and a SphI restriction site. The PCR product was cloned into pCRBlunt II-TOPO creating pCR-BluntII-bdhB. Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N11SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:66), N11SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:67), N12SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:68), and N12SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:69) (see Table 5).

To construct the lower pathway operon, a 1.2 kbp SphI and HpaI fragment from pCRBluntII-bdhB, a 1.4 kbp HpaI and SphI fragment from pCRBluntII-ald, and the large fragment from a AvaI and SphI digest of pUC19dHS were ligated together. The three-way ligation created pUC19dHS-ald-bdhB.

The pUC19dHS-ald-bdhB vector was digested with BstEII and PmeI releasing a 2.6 kbp fragment that was cloned into pBenBP, an E. coli-Bacillus subtilis shuttle vector. Plasmid pBenBP was created by modification of the pBE93 vector, which is described by Nagarajan, WO 93/24631 (Example 4). The Bacillus amyloliquefaciens neutral protease promoter (NPR), signal sequence and the phoA gene were removed from pBE93 with a NcoI/HindIII digest. The NPR promoter was PCR amplified from pBE93 by primers BenF and Ben-BPR, given by SEQ ID NOs:73 and 75, respectively. Primer BenBPR incorporated BstEII, PmeI and HindIII sites downstream of the promoter. The PCR product was digested with NcoI and HindIII and the fragment was cloned into the corresponding sites in the vector pBE93 to create pBenBP. The lower operon fragment was subcloned into the BstEII and PmeI sites in pBenBP creating pBen-ald-bdhB.

Assays for butyraldehyde dehydrogenase and butanol dehydrogenase activity were conducted on crude extracts using the methods described above. Both enzyme activities were demonstrated at levels above the control strain that contained an empty vector.

Example 10

Prophetic

Construction of a Transformation Vector for the Genes in the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway

Upper Pathway

The purpose of this prophetic Example is to describe how 10 to assemble the upper pathway operon. The general approach is the same as described in Example 9.

The thlA gene is amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N44 and N45 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:33 and 34, respectively, 15 creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporates a SphI restriction site and a ribosome binding site (RBS). The reverse primer incorporates AscI and PstI restriction sites. The PCR product is cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-thlA. Plasmid DNA is prepared from the 20 TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes is verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N7SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:47), and N7SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:48) (see Table 5).

The hbd gene is amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 25 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N42 and N43 (see Table 4) given as SEQ ID NOs:35 and 36, respectively, creating a 0.9 kbp product. The forward primer incorporates a SalI restriction site and a RBS. The reverse primer incorporates a SphI restriction site. The PCR product is cloned into 30 pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-hbd. Plasmid DNA is prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N5SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:51), and N6SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:52) (see Table 5).

The CAC0462 gene is codon optimized for expression in *E. coli* as primary host and *B. subtilis* as a secondary host. The new gene called CaTER, given as SEQ ID NO:76, is synthesized by Genscript Corp (Piscataway, N.J.). The gene CaTER is cloned in the pUC57 vector as a BamHI-SalI fragment and 40 includes a RBS, producing plasmid pUC57-CaTER.

The crt gene is amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N38 and N39 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:39 and 40, respectively, creating a 834 bp product. The forward primer incorporates 45 EcoRI and MluI restriction sites and a RBS. The reverse primer incorporates a BamHI restriction site. The PCR product is cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-crt. Plasmid DNA is prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes is verified with primers M13 50 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45) and M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46) (see Table 5).

After confirmation of the sequence, the genes are subcloned into a modified pUC19 vector as a cloning platform. The pUC19 vector was modified by a SphI/SapI digest, creating pUC19dSS. The digest removed the lac promoter adjacent to the MCS, preventing transcription of the operons in the vector.

To construct the upper pathway operon pCR4Blunt-TOPO-crt is digested with EcoRI and BamHI releasing a 0.8 60 kbp crt fragment. The pUC19dSS vector is also digested with EcoRI and BamHI releasing a 2.0 kbp vector fragment. The crt fragment and the vector fragment are ligated together using T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs) to form pUC19dSS-crt. The CaTER gene is inserted into pCU19dSS-crt by digesting pUC57-CaTER with BamHI and SalI, releasing a 1.2 kbp CaTER fragment. The pUC19dSS-crt is

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digested with BamHI and SalI and the large vector fragment is ligated with the CaTER fragment, creating pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER. To complete the operon a 884 bp SalI and SphI fragment from pCR4Blunt-TOPO-hbd, a 1.2 kb SphI and PstI thlA fragment from pCR4 Blunt-TOPO-thlA and the large fragment from a SalI and PstI digest of pUC19dSS-crt-Ca-TER are ligated. The product of the 3-way ligation is pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER-hbd-thlA.

The pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER-hbd-thlA vector is digested with MluI and AscI releasing a 4.1 kbp fragment that is cloned into a derivative of pBE93 (Caimi, WO2004/018645, pp. 39-40) an E. coli-B. subtilis shuttle vector, referred to as pBenMA. Plasmid pBenMA was created by modification of the pBE93 vector. The Bacillus amyloliquefaciens neutral protease promoter (NPR), signal sequence and the phoA gene are removed from pBE93 with a NcoI/HindIII digest. The NPR promoter is PCR amplified from pBE93 by primers BenF and BenMAR, given as SEQ ID NOS:73 and 74, respectively. Primer BenMAR incorporates MluI, AscI, and HindIII sites downstream of the promoter. The PCR product was digested with NcoI and HindIII and the fragment is cloned into the corresponding sites in the vector pBE93, creating pBenMA. The upper operon fragment is subcloned into the MluI and AscI sites in pBenMA creating pBen-crthbd-CaTER-thlA.

Example 11

Prophetic

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in $E.\ coli$

The purpose of this prophetic Example is to describe how to express the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in *E. coli*.

The plasmids pBen-crt-hbd-CaTER-thlA and pBen-aldbdhB, constructed as described in Examples 10 and 9, respectively, are transformed into E. coli NM522 (ATCC 47000) and expression of the genes in each operon is monitored by SDS-PAGE analysis, enzyme assay and Western analysis. For Westerns, antibodies are raised to synthetic peptides by Sigma-Genosys (The Woodlands, Tex.). After confirmation of expression of all the genes, pBen-ald-bdhB is digested with EcoRI and PmeI to release the NPR promoter-ald-bdhB fragment. The EcoRI digest of the fragment is blunt ended using the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase (New England Biolabs, catalog no. M0210S). The plasmid pBen-crt-hbd-CaTER-thlA is digested with PvuII to create a linearized blunt ended vector fragment. The vector and NPR-ald-bdhB fragment are ligated, creating p1B1 O.1 and p1B1 O.2, containing the complete 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway with the NPR promoter-ald-bdhB fragment in opposite orientations. The plasmids p1B1 O.1 and p1B1 O.2 are transformed into E. coli NM522 and expression of the genes are monitored as previously described.

E. coli strain NM522/p1B1 O.1 or NM522/p1B1 O.1 is inoculated into a 250 mL shake flask containing 50 mL of medium and shaken at 250 rpm and 35° C. The medium is composed of: dextrose, 5 g/L; MOPS, 0.05 M; ammonium sulfate, 0.01 M; potassium phosphate, monobasic, 0.005 M; S10 metal mix, 1% (v/v); yeast extract, 0.1% (w/v); casamino acids, 0.1% (w/v); thiamine, 0.1 mg/L; proline, 0.05 mg/L; and biotin 0.002 mg/L, and is titrated to pH 7.0 with KOH. S10 metal mix contains: MgCl₂, 200 mM; CaCl₂, 70 mM; MnCl₂, 5 mM; FeCl₃, 0.1 mM; ZnCl₂, 0.1 mM; thiamine hydrochloride, 0.2 mM; CuSO₄, 172 μM; CoCl₂, 253 μM;

and $Na_2MoO_4, 242\,\mu M.$ After 18 to 24 h, 1-butanol is detected by HPLC or GC analysis, as described in the General Methods section.

Example 12

Prophetic

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Bacillus subtilis

The purpose of this prophetic Example is to describe how to express the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in *Bacillus subtilis*. The same approach as described in Example 11 is used.

The upper and lower operons constructed as described in Examples 10 and 9, respectively, are used. The plasmids p1B1 O.1 and p1B1 O.2 are transformed into *Bacillus subtilis* BE1010 (*J. Bacteriol.* 173:2278-2282 (1991)) and expression of the genes in each operon is monitored as described in Example 11.

B. subtilis strain BE1010/p1B1 O.1 or BE11010/p1B1 O.2 is inoculated into a 250 mL shake flask containing 50 mL of medium and shaken at 250 rpm and 35° C. for 18 h. The 25 medium is composed of: dextrose, 5 g/L; MOPS, 0.05 M; glutamic acid, 0.02 M; ammonium sulfate, 0.01 M; potassium phosphate, monobasic buffer, 0.005 M; S10 metal mix (as described in Example 11), 1% (v/v); yeast extract, 0.1% (w/v); casamino acids, 0.1% (w/v); tryptophan, 50 mg/L; 30 methionine, 50 mg/L; and lysine, 50 mg/L, and is titrated to pH 7.0 with KOH. After 18 to 24 h, 1-butanol is detected by HPLC or GC analysis, as described in the General Methods section.

Example 13

Production of 1-butanol from Glucose using Recombinant *E. coli*

This Example describes the production of 1-butanol in *E. coli*. Expression of the genes encoding the 6 steps of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway was divided into three operons. The upper pathway comprised the first four steps encoded by thlA, hbd, crt and EgTER in one operon. The next 45 step, encoded by ald, was provided by a second operon. The last step in the pathway, encoded by yqhD, was provided in a third operon. 1-butanol production was demonstrated in *E. coli* strains comprising the three operons.

Unless otherwise indicated in the text, cloning primers 50 described in this Example are referenced by their SEQ ID NO: in Table 4, and sequencing and PCR screening primers are referenced by their SEQ ID NO: in Table 5.

Acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase.

The thlA gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* 55 (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N44 and N45 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:33 and 34, respectively, creating a 1.2 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated a SphI restriction site and a ribosome binding site (RBS). The reverse primer incorporated AscI and PstI 60 restriction sites. The PCR product was cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO (Invitrogen Corp., Carlsbad, Calif.) creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-thlA. Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes was verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 65 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N7SeqF1 (SEQ ID NO:47), and N7SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:48) (see Table 5).

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3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase

The hbd gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N42 and N43 (see Table 4) given as SEQ ID NOs:35 and 36, respectively, creating a 0.9 kbp product. The forward primer incorporated a SalI restriction site and a RBS. The reverse primer incorporated a SphI restriction site. The PCR product was cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-hbd. Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), N5SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:51), and N6SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:52) (see Table 5).

Crotonase.

The crt gene was amplified from *C. acetobutylicum* (ATCC 824) genomic DNA by PCR using primer pair N38 and N39 (see Table 4), given as SEQ ID NOs:39 and 40, respectively, creating a 834 bp product. The forward primer incorporated EcoRI and MluI restriction sites and a RBS. The reverse primer incorporated a BamHI restriction site. The PCR product was cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-crt. Plasmid DNA was prepared from the TOPO clones and the sequence of the genes was verified with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45) and M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46) (see Table 5).

Butyryl-CoA Dehydrogenase (trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase).

The CAC0462 gene was synthesized for enhanced codon usage in *E. coli* as primary host and *B. subtilis* as a secondary host. The new gene (CaTER, SEQ ID NO:76) was synthesized and cloned by Genscript Corporation (Piscataway, N.J.) in the pUC57 vector as a BamHI-SalI fragment and includes a RBS.

An alternative gene for butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase from *Euglena gracilis* (TER, GenBank No. Q5EU90) was synthesized for enhanced codon usage in *E. coli* and *Bacillus subtilis*. The gene was synthesized and cloned by GenScript Corporation into pUC57 creating pUC57::EgTER. Primers N85 and N86, (SEQ ID NO: 80 and 81 respectively) together with pUC57::EgTER as template DNA, provided a PCR fragment comprising 1224 bp from pUC57::EgTER DNA. The sequence of the 1224 bp is given as SEQ ID NO:77, where bp 1-1218 is the coding sequence (cds) of EgTER (opt). EgTER (opt) is a codon optimized TER gene, lacking the normal mitochondrial presequence so as to be functional in *E. coli* (Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329 (2005)).

EgTER(opt) was cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO and its sequence was confirmed with primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45) and M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46). Additional sequencing primers N62SeqF2 (SEQ ID NO:114), N62SeqF3 (SEQ ID NO:115), N62SeqF4 (SEQ ID NO:116), N63SeqR1 (SEQ ID NO:117), N63SeqR2 (SEQ ID NO:118), N63SeqR3 (SEQ ID NO:119) and N63SeqR4 (SEQ ID NO:120) were needed to completely sequence the PCR product. The 1.2 kbp EgTER(opt) sequence was then excised with HincII and PmeI and cloned into pET23+ (Novagen) linearized with HincII. Orientation of the EgTER(opt) gene to the promoter was confirmed by colony PCR screening with primers T7Primer and N63SeqR2 (SEQ ID NOs:82 and 118 respectively). The resulting plasmid, pET23+::EgTER(opt), was transformed into BL21 (DE3) (Novagen) for expression studies.

Trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase activity was assayed as described by Hoffmeister et al., *J. Biol. Chem.* 280:4329 (2005). In a typical assay, the specific activity of the EgTER (opt) protein in the induced BL21 (DE3)/pET23+::EgTER

(opt) culture was determined to be 1.9 µmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ compared to 0.547 µmol mg⁻¹ min⁻¹ in the uninduced culture.

The EgTER(opt) gene was then cloned into the pTrc99a vector under the control of the trc promoter. The EgTER(opt) gene was isolated as a 1287-bp BamHI/SalI fragment from 5 pET23+::EgTER(opt). The 4.2 kbp vector pTrc99a was linearized with BamHI/SalI. The vector and fragment were ligated creating the 5.4 kbp pTrc99a-EgTER(opt). Positive clones were confirmed by colony PCR with primers Trc99aF and N63SeqR3 (SEQ ID NOs:83 and 119 respectively) producing a 0.5 kb product.

Construction of Plasmid pTrc99a-E-C-H-T Comprising Genes Encoding acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase (thlA), 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (hbd), crotonase (crt), and butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase. 15 EgTER(opt))

To initiate the construction of a four gene operon comprising the upper pathway (EgTER(opt), crt, hbd and thlA), pCR4Blunt-TOPO-crt was digested with EcoRI and BamHI releasing a 0.8 kbp crt fragment. The pUC19dSS vector (de-20 scribed in Example 10) was also digested with EcoRI and BamHI releasing a 2.0 kbp vector fragment. The crt fragment and the vector fragment were ligated together using T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs) to form pUC19dSS-crt. The CaTER gene was inserted into pUC19dSS-crt by digesting 25 pUC57-CaTER with BamHI and SalI, releasing a 1.2 kbp CaTER fragment. The pUC19dSS-crt was digested with BamHI and SalI and the large vector fragment was ligated with the CaTER fragment, creating pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER. To complete the operon a 884 bp Sall and SphI fragment from 30 pCR4Blunt-TOPO-hbd, a 1.2 kb SphI and PstI thlA fragment from pCR4Blunt-TOPO-thlA and the large fragment from a SalI and PstI digest of pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER were ligated. The product of the 3-way ligation was named pUC19dSS-crt-CaTER-hbd-thlA or pUC19dss::Operon1.

Higher butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase activity was obtained from pTrc99a-EgTER(opt) than from CaTER constructs, thus, an operon derived from pTrc99a-EgTER(opt) was constructed. The CaTER gene was removed from pUC19dss:: Operon1 by digesting with BamHI/Sal I and gel purifying the 40 5327-bp vector fragment. The vector was treated with Klenow and religated creating pUC19dss::Operon 1 ΔCaTer. The 2934-bp crt-hbd-thlA (C-H-T) fragment was then isolated as a EcoRI/PstI fragment from pUC19dss:Operon 1 ΔCaTer. The C-H-T fragment was treated with Klenow to blunt the 45 ends. The vector pTrc99a-EgTER(opt) was digested with SalI and the ends treated with Klenow. The blunt-ended vector and the blunt-ended C-H-T fragment were ligated to create pTrc99a-E-C-H-T. Colony PCR reactions were performed with primers N62SeqF4 and N5SeqF4 (SEQ ID NOs: 116 50 and 84 respectively) to confirm the orientation of the insert.

Construction of Plasmids pBHR T7-ald and pBHR-Ptre-ald(opt) Comprising Genes Encoding butyraldehyde dehydrogenase (ald and ald(opt)).

The PT7-ald operon was sub-cloned from pDEST14-aid 55 (Example 6) into the broad host range plasmid pBHR1 (Mo-Bitec, Goettingen, Germany) to create pBHR1PT7-ald. The pBHR1 plasmid is compatible with pUC19 or pBR322 plasmids so pBHR1PT7-ald can be used in combination with pUC19 or pBR322 derivatives carrying the upper pathway operon for 1-butanol production in *E. coli*. The pDEST14-aid plasmid was digested with Bgl II and treated with the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase to make blunt ends. The plasmid was then digested with EcoRI and the 2,245 bp PT7-ald fragment was gel-purified. Plasmid pBHR1 was digested 65 with ScaI and EcoRI and the 4,883 bp fragment was gel-purified. The PT7-ald fragment was ligated with the pBHR1

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vector, creating pBHR T7-ald. Colony PCR amplification of transformants with primers T-ald(BamHI) and B-ald (EgTER) (SEQ ID NOs:85 and 86 respectively) confirmed the expected 1.4 kb PCR product. Restriction mapping of pBHR T7-ald clones with EcoRI and DrdI confirmed the expected 4,757 and 2,405 bp fragments.

For butyraldehyde dehydrogenase activity assays, the plasmid PBHR T7-ald was transformed into BL21StarTM (DE3) cells (Invitrogen) and expression from the T7 promoter was induced by addition of L-arabinose as described in Example 1. Acylating aldehyde dehydrogenase activity was determined by monitoring the formation of NADH, as measured by the increase in absorbance at 340 nm, as described in Example 6.

An alternative DNA sequence for the ald gene from *Clostridium beijerinckii* ATCC 35702 was synthesized (optimizing for codon usage in *E. coli* and *Bacillus subtilis*) and cloned into pUC57 by GenScript Corporation (Piscataway, N.J.), creating the plasmid pUC57-ald(opt). pUC57-ald(opt) was digested with SacI and SalI to release a 1498 bp fragment comprising the condon optimized gene, aid(opt) and a RBS already for *E. coli*. The sequence of the 1498 bp fragment is given as SEQ ID NO:78.

pTrc99a was digested with SacI and SaII giving a 4153 bp vector fragment, which was ligated with the 1498 bp aid(opt) fragment to create pTrc-ald(opt). Expression of the synthetic gene, ald(opt), is under the control of the IPTG-inducible Ptrc promoter.

The Ptrc-aid(opt) operon was subcloned into the broad host range plasmid pBHR1 (MoBitec) in order to be compatible with the upper pathway plasmid described above. The Ptrcaid(opt) fragment was PCR-amplified from pTrc99A::ald (opt) with T-Ptrc(BspEI) and B-aldopt(ScaI), (SEQ ID NOs: 35 87 and 88 respectively) incorporating BspEI and ScaI restriction sites within the corresponding primers. The PCR product was digested with BspEI and ScaI. The plasmid pBHR1 was digested with ScaI and BspEI and the 4,883 bp fragment was gel-purified. The Ptrc-aid(opt) fragment was ligated with the pBHR1 vector, creating pBHR-PcatPtrc-ald (opt). Restriction mapping of the pBHR-PcatPtrc-ald(opt) clones with ScaI and BspEI confirmed the expected 4,883 and 1,704 bp fragments. To remove the plasmid-born cat promoter (Pcat) region, plasmid pBHR-PcatPtrc-ald(opt) was digested with BspEI and AatII and the 6,172 bp fragment was gel-purified. T-BspEIAatII and B-BspEIAatII (SEQ ID NOs: 89 and 90 respectively) were mixed in a solution containing 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl, and 10 mM MgCl₂ (pH7.9) to a final concentration of 100 μM and hybridized by incubating at 75° C. for 5 min and slowly cooling to room temperature. The hybridized oligonucleotides were ligated with the 6,172 bp fragment, creating pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt).

Construction of *E. coli* Strains Expressing Butanol Dehydrogenase (yqhD).

E. coli contains a native gene (yqhD) that was identified as a 1,3-propanediol dehydrogenase (U.S. Pat. No. 6,514,733). The yqhD gene has 40% identity to the gene adhB in Clostridium, a probable NADH-dependent butanol dehydrogenase. The yqhD gene was placed under the constitutive expression of a variant of the glucose isomerase promoter 1.6GI (SEQ ID NO:91) in E. coli strain MG1655 1.6yqhD:: Cm (WO 2004/033646) using λ Red technology (Datsenko and Wanner, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 97:6640 (2000)). Similarly, the native promoter was replaced by the 1.5GI promoter (WO 2003/089621) (SEQ ID NO:92), creating strain MG1655 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm, thus, replacing the 1.6GI promoter of MG1655 1.6yqhD::Cm with the 1.5GI promoter.

TABLE 7

A P1 lysate was prepared from MG1655 1.5GI yqhD::Cm and the cassette moved to expression strains, MG1655 (DE3), prepared from E. coli strain MG1655 and a lambda DE3 lysogenization kit (Invitrogen), and BL21 (DE3) (Invitrogen) creating MG1655 (DE3) 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm and BL21 (DE3) 5 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm, respectively.

Demonstration of 1-butanol Production from Recombinant $E.\ coli.$

E. coli strain MG1 655 (DE3) 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm was trans- 10 formed with plasmids pTrc99a-E-C-H-T and pBHR T7-ald to produce the strain, MG1655 (DE3) 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm/ pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR T7-ald. Two independent isolates were initially grown in LB medium containing 50 μg/mL kanamycin and 100 μg/mL carbenicillin. The cells were used to inoculate shake flasks (approximately 175 mL total volume) containing 15, 50 and 150 mL of TM3a/glucose medium (with appropriate antibiotics) to represent high, medium and low oxygen conditions, respectively. TM3a/glucose medium contained (per liter): 10 g glucose, 13.6 g KH_2PO_4 , 2.0 g citric acid monohydrate, 3.0 g $(NH_4)_2SO_4$, 2.0 g MgSO₄.7H₂O, 0.2 g CaCl₂.2H₂O, 0.33 g ferric ammonium citrate, 1.0 mg thiamine.HCl, 0.50 g yeast extract, and 10 mL trace elements solution, adjusted to pH 6.8 with NH₄OH. The solution of trace elements contained: citric acid.H₂O (4.0 g/L), MnSO₄. H₂O (3.0 g/L), NaCl (1.0 g/L), FeSO₄.7H₂O (0.10 g/L), $CoCl_2.6H_2O(0.10 \text{ g/L})$, $ZnSO_4.7H_2O(0.10 \text{ g/L})$, $CuSO_4.5H_2O$ (0.010 g/L), H_3BO_3 (0.010 g/L), and $Na_2MoO_4.2H_2O$ (0.010 g/L). The flasks were inoculated at a 30 starting OD_{600} of ≤ 0.01 units and incubated at 34° C. with shaking at 300 rpm. The flasks containing 15 and 50 mL of medium were capped with vented caps; the flasks containing 150 mL, were capped with non-vented caps to minimize air exchange. IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.04^{-35} mM; the OD_{600} of the flasks at the time of addition was ≥ 0.4 units.

Approximately 15 h after induction, an aliquot of the broth was analyzed by HPLC (Shodex Sugar SH1011 column) with refractive index (RI) detection and GC (Varian CP-WAX 58(FFAP) CB column, 25 m×0.25 mm id×0.2 μm film thickness) with flame ionization detection (FID) for 1-butanol content, as described in the General Methods section. The results of the 1-butanol determinations are given in Table 6. 45

TABLE 6 Production of 1-butanol by E. coli strain MG1655 (DE3)

Strain	${\rm O}_2$ Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %
MG1655 a	high	0.11	0.2
MG1655 b	high	0.12	0.2
MG1655 a	medium	0.13	0.3
MG1655 b	medium	0.13	0.2
MG1655 a	low	0.15	0.4
MG1655 b	low	0.18	0.5

Values were determined from HPLC analysis.

Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate independent isolates

The two independent isolates of MG1655 (DE3) 1.5GIyqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/PBHR T7-ald were tested for 1-butanol production in an identical manner except that the 65 medium contained 5 g/L yeast extract. The results are shown in Table 7.

Production of 1-butanol by E. coli strain MG1655 (DE3) 1.5Gl-yqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR T7-ald.

${\rm O}_2$ Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %
high	_	_
high	_	_
medium	0.08	0.1
medium	0.06	0.1
low	0.14	0.3
low	0.14	0.3
	high high medium medium low	high — high — medium 0.08 medium 0.06 low 0.14

Quantitative values were determined from HPLC analysis

" = not detected

Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate independent isolates.

E. coli strain BL21 (DE3) 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm was transformed with plasmids pTrc99a-E-C-H-T and PBHR T7-ald to produce the strain, BL21 (DE3) 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/PBHR T7-ald. Two independent isolates were tested for 1-butanol production exactly as described above. The results are given in Tables 8 and 9.

TABLE 8

		utanol by <i>E. coli</i> strain h/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pB	
Strain	O ₂ Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %
DE a	high	+	+
DE b	high	_	_
DE a	medium	0.80	1.4
DE b	medium	0.77	1.4

Quantitative values were determined from HPLC analysis

low

"-" indicates not detected.

DE a

DE b

"+" indicates positive, qualitative identification by GC with a lower detection limit than with Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate independent isolates.

0.06

0.2

0.2

TABLE 9

Production of 1-butanol by <i>E. coli</i> strain BL21 (DE3) 1.5Gl-yqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR T7-ald.

Strain	${\rm O}_2$ Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %
DE a	high	+	+
DE b	high	+	+
DE a	medium	0.92	1.7
DE b	medium	1.03	1.9
DE a	low	+	+
DE b	low	+	+

Quantitative values were determined from HPLC analysis

—" indicates not detected

"4" indicates positive, qualitative identification by GC with a lower detection limit than with HPLC. Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate independent isolates.

E. coli strain MG1655 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm was transformed with plasmids pTrc99a-E-C-H-T and pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) to produce the strain, MG1655 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt). Two isolates were initially grown in LB medium containing 50 μg/mL kanamycin and 100 μg/mL carbenicillin. The cells were used to inoculate shake flasks (approximately 175 mL total volume) containing 50 and 150 mL of TM3a/glucose medium (with appropriate antibiotics). The flasks were inoculated at a starting OD_{550} of ≤0.04 units and incubated as described above, with and without induction. IPTG was added to a final concentration of 0.4 mM; the OD_{550} of the flasks at the time of addition was between 0.6 and 1.2 units. In this case, induction was not

necessary for 1-butanol pathway gene expression because of the leakiness of the IPTG inducible promoters and the constitutive nature of the 1.5GI promoter; however, induction provided a wider range of expression.

Approximately 15 h after induction, an aliquot of the broth was analyzed by GC with flame ionization detection for 1-butanol content, as described above. The results are given in Table 10. For the recombinant *E. coli* strains, 1-butanol was produced in all cases; in separate experiments, wild type *E. coli* strains were shown to produce no detectable 1-butanol (data not shown).

TABLE 10

Production of 1-butanol by <i>E. coli</i> strain MG1655 1.5Gl-yqhD::Cm/ pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt).					
Strain	O ₂ Level	1-butanol, mM	IPTG Induction		
MG1655 a	medium	0.14	No		
MG 1655 b	medium	0.14	No		
MG1655 a	medium	0.03	Yes		
MG 1655 b	medium	0.07	Yes		
MG1655 a	low	0.04	No		
MG 1655 b	low	0.04	No		
MG1655 a	low	0.02	Yes		
MG 1655 b	low	0.03	Yes		

Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate separate isolates.

Example 14

Production of 1-butanol from Glucose using Recombinant *B. subtilis*

This Example describes the production of 1-butanol in *Bacillus subtilis*. The six genes of the 1-biosynthetic pathway, 35 encoding six enzyme activities, were split into two operons for expression. The first three genes of the pathway (thl, hbd, and crt) were integrated into the chromosome of *Bacillus subtilis* BE1010 (Payne and Jackson, J. Bacteriol. 173:2278-2282 (1991)). The last three genes (EgTER, aid, and bdhB) 40 were cloned into an expression plasmid and transformed into the *Bacillus* strain carrying the integrated 1-butanol genes.

Unless otherwise indicated in the text, cloning primers described in this Example are referenced by their SEQ ID NO: in Table 4, and sequencing and PCR screening primers 45 are referenced by their SEQ ID NO: in Table 5.

Integration Plasmid.

Plasmid pFP988 is a *Bacillus* integration vector that contains an *E. coli* replicon from pBR322, an ampicillin antibiotic marker for selection in *E. coli* and two sections of homology to the sacB gene in the *Bacillus* chromosome that directs integration of the vector and intervening sequence by homologous recombination. Between the sacB homology regions is the Pamy promoter and signal sequence that can direct the synthesis and secretion of a cloned gene, a His-Tag and erythromycin as a selectable marker for *Bacillus*. The Pamy promoter and signal sequence is from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* alpha-amylase. The promoter region also contains the lacO sequence for regulation of expression by a lacI repressor protein. The sequence of pFP988 (6509 bp) is given as SEQ ID NO:79.

Since the 1-butanol pathway genes were to be expressed in the cytoplasm, the amylase signal sequence was deleted. Plasmid pFP988 was amplified with primers Pamy/lacO F and Pamy/lacO R creating a 317 bp (0.3 kbp) product that contained the Pamy/lacO promoter. The 5' end of the Pamy/lacO F primer incorporated a BsrGI restriction site followed by an

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EcoRI site. The 5' end of the Pamy/lacO R primer incorporated a BsrGI restriction site followed by a PmeI restriction site. The PCR product was TOPO cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-Pamy/lacO. Plasmid DNA was prepared from overnight cultures and submitted for sequencing with M13 Forward and M13 Reverse primers (SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:46, respectively) to ensure no mutation had been introduced into the promoter. A clone of pCR4Blunt-TOPO-Pamy/lacO was digested with BsrGI and the 0.3 kbp fragment was gel-purified. The vector pFP988 was digested with BsrGI resulting in deletion of 11 bp from the 5' sacB homology region and the removal of the Pamy/ lacO promoter and signal sequence and His-tag. The 6 kbp BsrGI digested vector was gel-purified and ligated with 15 Pamy/lacO BsrGI insert. The resulting plasmids were screened with primers Pamy SeqF2 and Pamy SeqR to determine orientation of the promoter. The correct clone restored the Pamy/lacO promoter to its original orientation and was named pFP988Dss.

The cassette with genes thl-crt was constructed by SOE (splicing by overlap extension). The genes were amplified using as template pUC19dss::Operon1. The thl primers were Top TF and Bot TR amplifying a 0.9 kbp product. The crt primers were Top CF and Bot CR amplifying a 1.3 kbp product. The two genes were joined by SOE with PCR amplification using primers Top TF and Bot CR generating a 2.1 kbp product that was TOPO cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-T-C. Clones were submitted for sequencing to confirm the sequence. The plasmid 30 pCR4Blunt-TOPO-T-C was digested with BstEII and PmeI releasing a 2.1 kbp fragment that was gel-purified. The insert was treated with Klenow polymerase to blunt the BstEII site. Vector pFP988Dss was digested with PmeI and treated with calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase (New England BioLabs) to prevent self-ligation. The 2.1 kbp thl-crt fragment and the digested pFP988Dss were ligated and transformed into E. coliTop10 cells. Transformants were screened by PCR amplification with Pamy SeqF2 and N7SeqR2 for a 0.7 kbp product, the correct product was called pFP988Dss-T-C.

Construction of the thl-crt cassette created unique Sall and Spel sites between the two genes. To add the hbd gene to the cassette, the hbd gene was subcloned from pCR4Blunt-TOPO-hbd as a 0.9 kbp Sall/Spel fragment. Vector pFP988Dss-T-C was digested with Sall and Spel and the 8 kbp vector fragment was gel-purified. The vector and hbd insert were ligated and transformed into *E. coli* Top10 cells. Transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers Pamy SeqF and N3SeqF3 for a 3.0 kbp fragment. The resulting plasmid was named pFP988Dss-T-H-C.

The Pamy promoter subsequently was replaced with the Pspac promoter from plasmid pMUTIN4 (Vagner et al., Microbiol. 144:3097-3104 (1998)). The Pspac promoter was amplified from pMUTIN4 with primers Spac F and Spac R as a 0.4 kbp product and TOPO cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO. Transformants were screened by PCR amplification with M13 Forward and M13 Reverse primers for the presence of a 0.5 kbp insert. Positive clones were submitted for sequencing with the same primers. Plasmid pCR4Blunt-TOPO-Pspac was digested with SmaI and XhoI and the 0.3 kbp fragment was gel-purified. Vector pFP988Dss-T-H-C was digested with SmaI and XhoI and the 9 kbp vector was isolated by gel purification. The digested vector and Pspac insert were ligated and transformed into E. coli Top10 cells. Transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers SpacF Seq and N7SeqR2. Positive clones gave a 0.7 kbp product. Plasmid DNA was prepared from positive clones and further screened by PCR amplification with primers SpacF

Seq and N3SeqF2. Positive clones gave a 3 kbp PCR product and were named pFP988DssPspac-T-H-C.

Integration into *B. subtilis* BE010 to Form *B. subtilis* ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28 Comprising exogenous thl, hbd, and crt Genes

Competent cells of B. subtilis BE1010 were prepared as described in Doyle et al., J. Bacteriol. 144:957-966 (1980). Competent cells were harvested by centrifugation and the cell pellets were resuspended in a small volume of the cell supernatant. To 1 volume of competent cells, 2 volumes of SPII- 10 EGTA medium (Methods for General and Molecular Bacteriology, P. Gerhardt et al., Eds, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, D.C. (1994)) was added. Aliquots of 0.3 mL of cells were dispensed into test tubes and the plasmid pFP988DssPspac-T-H-C was added to the tubes. 15 Cells were incubated for 30 minutes at 37° C. with shaking, after which 0.1 mL of 10% yeast extract was added to each tube and the cells were further incubated for 60 min. Transformants were plated for selection on LB erythromycin plates using the double agar overlay method (Methods for General 20 and Molecular Bacteriology, supra). Transformants were initially screened by PCR amplification with primers Pamy SeqF and N5SeqF3. Positive clones that amplified the expected 2 kbp PCR product were further screened by PCR amplification. If insertion of the cassette into the chromosome 25 had occurred via a double crossover event then primer set sacB Up and N7SeqR2 and primer set sacB Dn and N4SeqR3 would amplify a 1.7 kbp and a 2.7 kbp product respectively. A positive clone was identified and named B. subtilis ΔsacB:: T-H-C::erm #28.

Plasmid Expression of EgTER, aid, and bdhB genes.

The three remaining 1-butanol genes were expressed from plasmid pHT01 (MoBitec). Plasmid pHT01 is a Bacillus-E. coli shuttle vector that replicates via a theta mechanism. Cloned proteins are expressed from the GroEL promoter 35 fused to a laco sequence. Downstream of the laco is the efficient RBS from the gsiB gene followed by a MCS. The aid gene was amplified by PCR with primers AF BamHI and AR Aat2 using pUC19dHS-ald-bdhB (described in Example 9) as template, creating a 1.4 kbp product. The product was 40 TOPO cloned into pCR4-TOPO and transformed into E. coli Top10 cells. Transformants were screened with M13 Forward and M13 Reverse primers. Positive clones amplified a 1.6 kbp product. Clones were submitted for sequencing with primers M13 forward and M13 reverse, N31SeqF2, N31SeqF3, 45 N32SeqR2, N32SeqR3 and N32SeqR4. The plasmid was named pCR4TOPO-B/A-ald.

Vector pHT01 and plasmid pCR4TOPO-B/A-ald were both digested with BamHI and AatII. The 7.9 kbp vector fragment and the 1.4 kbp aid fragment were ligated together 50 to create pHT01-aid. The ligation was transformed into *E. coli* Top10 cells and transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers N31 SeqF1 and HT R for a 1.3 kbp product.

To add the last two steps of the pathway to the pHT01 55 vector, two cloning schemes were designed. For both schemes, EgTER and bdhB were amplified together by SOE. Subsequently, the EgTER-bdh fragment was either cloned into pHT01-ald creating pHT01-ald-EB or cloned into pCR4-TOPO-B/A-ald creating pCR4-TOPO-ald-EB. The ald-60 EgTer-bdhB fragment from the TOPO vector was then cloned into pHT01 creating pHT01-AEB.

An EgTER-bdhB fragment was PCR amplified using primers Forward 1 (E) and Reverse 2 (B), using template DNA given as SEQ ID NO:208. The resulting 2.5 kbp PCR product 65 was TOPO cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO, creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-E-B. The TOPO reaction was trans-

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formed into *E. coli* Top10 cells. Colonies were screened with M13 Forward and M13 Reverse primers by PCR amplification. Positive clones generated a 2.6 kbp product. Clones of pCR4Blunt-TOPO-E-B were submitted for sequencing with primers M13 Forward and Reverse, N62SeqF2, N62SeqF3, N62SeqF4, N63SeqR1, N63SeqR2, N63SeqR3, N11Seq F1 and N11Seq F2, N12SeqR1 and N12SeqR2.

Plasmid pCR4Blunt-TOPO-E-B was digested with HpaI and AatII to release a 2.4 kbp fragment. The E-B fragment was treated with Klenow polymerase to blunt the end and then was gel-purified. Plasmid pHT01-ald was digested with AatII and treated with Klenow polymerase to blunt the ends. The vector was then treated with calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase and was gel-purified. The E-B fragment was ligated to the linearized vector pHT01-ald, transformed into E. coli-Top10 cells, and selected on LB plates containing 100 μg/mL ampicillin. Transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers N3SeqF1 and N63SeqR1 to give a 2.4 kbp product. The resulting plasmid, pHT01-ald-EB, was transformed into JM103 cells, a recA⁺ E. colistrain. Plasmids prepared from recA⁺ strains form more multimers than recA⁻ strains. Bacillus subtilis transforms more efficiently with plasmid multimers rather than monomers (Methods for General and Molecular Bacteriology, supra). Plasmid DNA was prepared from JM103 and transformed into competent B. subtilis ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28 forming strain B. subtilis ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-ald-EB. Competent cells were prepared and transformed as previously described. Transformants were selected on LB plates containing 5 μg/mL chloramphenicol and screened by colony PCR with the primers N31 SeqF1 and N63SeqR4 for a 1.3 kbp product.

In the alternate cloning strategy, pCR4Blunt-TOPO-E-B was digested with HpaI and AatII releasing a 2.4 kbp fragment that was gel-purified. Plasmid pCR4-TOPO-B/A-ald was digested with HpaI and AatII and the 5.4 kbp vector fragment was gel-purified. The vector fragment from pCR4-TOPO-B/A-ald was ligated with the HpaI-AatII E-B fragment creating pCR4-TOPO-ald-EB. The ligation was transformed into E. coli Top10 cells and the resulting transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers N11 SeqF2 and N63SeqR4 for a 2.1 kbp product. Plasmid pCR4-TOPO-ald-EB was digested with BamHI and AatII and SphI. The BamHI/AatII digest releases a 3.9 kbp ald-EB fragment that was gel-purified. The purpose of the SphI digest was to cut the remaining vector into smaller fragments so that it would not co-migrate on a gel with the ald-EB insert. Vector pHT01 was digested with BamHI and AatII and the 7.9 kbp vector fragment was gel-purified. The vector and ald-EB insert fragments were ligated to form plasmid pHT01-AEB and transformed into E. coli Top10 cells. Colonies were screened by PCR amplification with primers N62SeqF4 and HT R for a 1.5 kbp product. Plasmid was prepared and transformed into JM103. Plasmid DNA was prepared from JM103 and transformed into competent B. subtilis AsacB::T-H-C::erm #28 forming strain B. subtilis ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-AEB. Competent BE1010 cells were prepared and transformed as previously described. Bacillus transformants were screened by PCR amplification with primers N31 SeqF1 and N63SeqR4 for a 1.3 kbp prod-

Demonstration of 1-butanol Production from Recombinant *B. subtilis*.

Three independent isolates of each strain of *B. subtilis* ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-ald-EB and *B. subtilis* ΔsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-AEB were inoculated into shake flasks (approximately 175 mL total volume) containing 15 mL of medium. A *B. subtilis* BE1010 strain lacking the

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exogenous 1-butanol, six gene pathway was also included as a negative control. The medium contained (per liter): 10 mL of 1 M (NH₄)₂SO₄; 5 mL of 1 M potassium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0; 100 mL of 1 M MOPS/KOH buffer, pH 7.0; 20 mL of 1 M L-glutamic acid, potassium salt; 10 g glucose; 10 mL of 5 g/L each of L-methionine, L-tryptophan, and L-lysine; 0.1 g each of yeast extract and casamino acids; 20 mL of metal mix; and appropriate antibiotics (5 mg chloramphenicol and erythromycin for the recombinant strains). The metal mix contained 200 mM MgCl₂, 70 mM CaCl₂, 5 mM MnCl₂, 0.1 mM FeCl₃, 0.1 mM ZnCl₂, 0.2 mM thiamine hydrochloride, 172 μ M CuSO₄, 253 μ M CoCl₂, and 242 μ M Na₂MoO₄. The flasks were inoculated at a starting OD₆₀₀ of \leq 0.1 units, sealed with non-vented caps, and incubated at 37° C. with shaking at approximately 200 rpm.

Approximately 24 h after inoculation, an aliquot of the broth was analyzed by HPLC (Shodex Sugar SH1011 column) with refractive index (R1) detection and GC (Varian CP-WAX 58(FFAP) CB column, 0.25 mm×0.2 µm×25 m) with flame ionization detection (FID) for 1-butanol content, ²⁰ as described in the General Methods section. The results of the 1-butanol determinations are given in Table 11.

TABLE 11

Production of 1-butanol by strains *B. subtilis* AsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-ald-EB and *B. subtilis* AsacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-AEB

Strain	1-butanol, HPLC RI peak area	1-butanol, mM*
BE1010 control	Not detected	Not detected
pHT01-ald-EB a	4629	0.19
pHT01-ald-EB b	3969	Not determined
pHT01-ald-EB c	4306	Not determined
pHT01-AEB a	4926	0.16
pHT01-AEB b	3984	Not determined
pHT01-AEB c	3970	Not determined

*Concentration determined by GC.

Strain suffixes "a", "b", and "c" indicate separate isolates

Example 15

Production of 1-butanol from Glucose or Sucrose by Recombinant *E. coli*

To endow *E. coli* MG1655 with the ability to use sucrose as the carbon and energy source for 1-butanol production, a sucrose utilization gene cluster (cscBKA) from plasmid pScrl (described below) was subcloned into pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) (described in Example 13) in this organism. The sucrose 50 utilization genes (cscA, cscK, and cscB) encode a sucrose hydrolase (CscA), given as SEQ ID NO:157, D-fructokinase (CscK), given as SEQ ID NO:158, and sucrose permease (CscB), given as SEQ ID NO:159. To allow constitutive expression of the three genes from their natural promoter, the 55 sucrose-specific repressor gene, cscR, that regulates the gene cluster is not present in the construct.

Cloning and expression of the sucrose utilization gene cluster cscBKA in plasmid pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)

The sucrose utilization gene cluster cscBKA, given as SEQ 60 ID NO:156, was isolated from genomic DNA of a sucrose-utilizing *E. coli* strain derived from *E. coli* strain ATCC 13281. The genomic DNA was digested to completion with BamHI and EcoRI. Fragments having an average size of about 4 kbp were isolated from an agarose gel, ligated to 65 plasmid pLitmus28 (New England Biolabs, Beverly, Mass.), which was then digested with BamHI and EcoRI. The result-

ing DNA was transformed into ultracompetent E. coli TOP10F' (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif.). The transformants were plated on MacConkey agar plates containing 1% sucrose and 100 µg/mL ampicillin and screened for purple colonies. Plasmid DNA was isolated from the purple transformants and sequenced using primers M13 Forward (SEQ ID NO:45), M13 Reverse (SEQ ID NO:46), scr1 (SEQ ID NO:160), scr2 (SEQ ID NO:161), scr3 (SEQ ID NO:162), and scr4 (SEQ ID NO:163). The plasmid containing cscB, cscK, and cscA (cscBKA) genes was designated pScrl. Plasmid pScrl was digested with XhoI and treated with the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase to make blunt ends. The plasmid was then digested with AgeI, and the 4,179 bp cscBKA gene cluster fragment was gel-purified. Plasmid pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) was prepared as described in Example 13 and was digested with AgeI and NaeI. The resulting 6,003 bp pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) fragment was gel-purified. The cscBKA fragment was ligated with the pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt), yielding pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscAKB. Plasmid pBHR-Ptrcald(opt)-cscAKB was transformed into E. coli NovaXG electrocompetent cells (Novagen, Madison, Wis.) and sucrose utilization was confirmed by plating the transformants on McConkey agar plates containing 2% sucrose and 25 $\mu g/mL$ kanamycin. In the pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscAKB construct, 25 the sucrose utilization genes were cloned downstream of Ptrc-ald(opt) as a separate fragment in the order cscA, cscK, and cscB.

Alternatively, the sucrose utilization genes were cloned in the opposite direction in pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt). Plasmid pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) was digested with Scal and Agel, and the 5,971 bp pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) fragment was gel-purified. The 4,179 bp cscBKA fragment, prepared as described above, was ligated with the pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt) fragment, yielding pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscBKA. Plasmid pBHR-Ptrc-ald (opt)-cscBKA was transformed into *E. coli* NovaXG electrocompetent cells (Novagen, Madison, Wis.) and sucrose utilization was confirmed by plating the transformants on McConkey agar plates containing 2% sucrose and 25 μg/mL kanamycin. In the pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscBKA construct, the sucrose utilization genes were cloned as a separate fragment downstream of Ptrc-ald(opt) in the order cscB, cscK, and cscA.

Demonstration of 1-butanol Production from Glucose or Sucrose Using Recombinant *E. coli*

E. coli strain MG1655 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm (described in 45 Example 13) was transformed with plasmids pTrc99a-E-C-H-T (prepared as described in Example 13) and pBHR-Ptrcald(opt)-cscAKB or pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscBKA to produce two strains, MG1655 1.5GI-yqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscAKB #9 and MG1655 1.5GIyqhD::Cm/pTrc99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptrc-ald(opt)-cscBKA #1. Starter cultures of the two strains were prepared by growing the cells in LB medium containing 25 μg/mL of kanamycin and 100 μg/mL of carbenicillin. These cells were then used to inoculate shake flasks (approximately 175 mL total volume) containing 50, 70 and 150 mL of TM3a/glucose medium (with appropriate antibiotics) to represent high, medium and low oxygen conditions, respectively, as described in Example 13. A third strain, E. coli MG1655/ pScrl, grown in TM3a/glucose medium containing 100 μg/mL carbenicillin, was used as a negative control. For each of the strains, an identical set of flasks was prepared with TM3a/sucrose medium (with appropriate antibiotics). TM3a/ sucrose medium is identical to TM3a/glucose medium except that sucrose (10 g/L) replaces glucose. The flasks were inoculated at a starting OD_{550} of ≤ 0.03 units and incubated as described in Example 13. With the exception of the negative control flasks, IPTG was added to the flasks (final concentra-

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0.12

Not detected

Not detected

Not detected

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tion of 0.04 mM) when the cultures reached an $\rm OD_{550}$ between 0.2 and 1.8 units. The cells were harvested when the $\rm OD_{550}$ of the cultures increased at least 3-fold.

Approximately 24 h after inoculation, an aliquot of the broth was analyzed by HPLC (Shodex Sugar SH1011 column) with refractive index (R1) detection and GC(HP-INNOWax column, 30 m×0.53 mm id, 1 μm film thickness) with flame ionization detection (FID) for 1-butanol content, as described in the General Methods section.

The concentrations of 1-butanol in cultures following growth in the glucose and sucrose-containing media are given in Table 12 and Table 13, respectively. Both recombinant *E. coli* strains containing the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway produced 1-butanol from glucose and sucrose under all oxygen conditions, while the negative control strain produced no detectable 1-butanol.

TABLE 12

Production of 1-butanol from glucose by recombinant <i>E. coli</i> strains MG1655 1.5Gl-yqhD::Cm/pTre99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptre-ald(opt)-cscAKB #9 and MG1655 1.5Gl-yqhD::Cm/pTre99a-E-C-H-T/pBHR-Ptre-ald(opt)-cscBKA #1				
Strain	${\rm O}_2$ Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %	
cscBKA#1	high	0.01	0.03	
cscBKA #1	medium	0.20	0.43	
cscBKA#1	low	0.07	0.21	
cscAKB #9	high	0.01	0.02	
cscAKB #9	medium	0.17	0.35	

0.04

Not detected

Not detected

Not detected

TABLE 13

cscAKB #9

pScr1

pScr1

pScr1

high

low

medium

Strain	O_2 Level	1-butanol, mM	molar yield, %
cscBKA#1	high	0.02	0.10
cscBKA#1	medium	0.02	0.11
cscBKA#1	low	0.01	0.09
cscAKB #9	high	0.03	0.11
cscAKB #9	medium	0.03	0.15
cscAKB #9	low	0.02	0.10
pScr1	high	Not detected	Not detected
pScr1	medium	Not detected	Not detected
pScr1	low	Not detected	Not detected

Example 16

Production of 1-butanol from Sucrose Using Recombinant *B. subtilis*

This example describes the production of 1-butanol from 55 sucrose using recombinant *Bacillus subtilis*. Two independent isolates of *B. subtilis* strain Δ sacB::T-H-C::erm #28/pHT01-ald-EB (Example 14) were examined for 1-butanol production essentially as described in Example 14. The strains were inoculated into shake flasks (approximately 175 60 mL total volume) containing either 20 mL or 100 mL of medium to simulate high and low oxygen conditions, respectively. Medium A was exactly as described in Example 14, except that glucose was replaced with 5 g/L of sucrose. Medium B was identical to the TM3a/glucose medium 65 described in Example 13, except that glucose was replaced with 10 g/L sucrose and the medium was supplemented with

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(per L) 10 mL of a 5 g/L solution of each of L-methionine, L-tryptophan, and L-lysine. The flasks were inoculated at a starting OD_{550} of \leq 0.1 units, capped with vented caps, and incubated at 34° C. with shaking at 300 rpm.

Approximately 24 h after inoculation, an aliquot of the broth was analyzed by GC(HP-INNOWax column, 30 m \times 0.53 mm id, 1.0 µm film thickness) with FID detection for 1-butanol content, as described in the General Methods section. The results of the 1-butanol determinations are given in Table 14. The recombinant *Bacillus* strain containing the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway produced detectable levels of 1-butanol under high and low oxygen conditions in both media.

TABLE 14

Strain	Medium	O ₂ Level	1-BuOH, mM ^{1,2}
none	A	Not applicable	Not detected
pHT01-ald-EB a	A	high	+
pHT01-ald-EB b	\mathbf{A}	high	+
pHT01-ald-EB a	A	low	0.01
pHT01-ald-EB b	A	low	0.01
none	В	Not applicable	Not detected
pHT01-ald-EB a	В	high	+
pHT01-ald-EB b	В	high	+
pHT01-ald-EB a	В	low	0.04
pHT01-ald-EB b	В	low	0.03

¹Concentration determined by GC

Example 17

Production of 1-butanol from Glucose and Sucrose Using Recombinant Saccharomyces cerevisiae

This Example describes the production of 1-butanol in the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Of the six genes encoding enzymes catalyzing the steps in the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway, five were cloned into three compatible yeast 2 micron (2μ) plasmids and co-expressed in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. The "upper pathway" is defined as the first three enzymatic steps, catalyzed by acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase (thlA, thiolase), 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase (hbd), and crotonase (crt). The lower pathway is defined as the fourth (butyl-CoA dehydrogenase, ter) and the fifth (butylaldehyde dehydrogenase, aid) enzymatic steps of the pathway. The last enzymatic step of the 1-butanol pathway is catalyzed by alcohol dehydrogenase, which may be encoded by endogenous yeast genes, e.g., adhI and adhII.

Expression of genes in yeast typically requires a promoter, followed by the gene of interest, and a transcriptional terminator. A number of constitutive yeast promoters were used in constructing expression cassettes for genes encoding the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway, including FBA, GPD, and GPM promoters. Some inducible promoters, e.g. GAL1, GAL10, CUP1 were also used in intermediate plasmid construction, but not in the final demonstration strain. Several transcriptional terminators were used, including FBAt, GPDt, GPMt, ERG10t, and GAL1t. Genes encoding the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway were first subcloned into a yeast plasmid flanked by a promoter and a terminator, which yielded expression cassettes for each gene. Expression cassettes were

²"+" indicates qualitative presence of 1-butanol.
Strain suffixes "a" and "b" indicate separate isolates.

optionally combined in a single vector by gap repair cloning, as described below. For example, the three gene cassettes encoding the upper pathway were subcloned into a yeast 2μ plasmid. The ter and ald genes were each expressed individually in the 2μ plasmids. Co-transformation of all three plasmids in a single yeast strain resulted in a functional 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway. Alternatively, several DNA fragments encoding promoters, genes, and terminators were directly combined in a single vector by gap repair cloning.

Methods for Constructing Plasmids and Strains in Yeast 10 Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

Basic yeast molecular biology protocols including transformation, cell growth, gene expression, gap repair recombination, etc. are described in *Methods in Enzymology*, Volume 194, *Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology* 15 (Part A, 2004, Christine Guthrie and Gerald R. Fink (Eds.), Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, Calif.).

The plasmids used in this Example were E. coli-S. cerevisiae shuttle vectors, pRS423, pRS424, pRS425, and pRS426 (American Type Culture Collection, Rockville, Md.), which 20 contain an E. coli replication origin (e.g., pMB1), a yeast 2µ origin of replication, and a marker for nutritional selection. The selection markers for these four vectors are His3 (vector pRS423), Trp1 (vector pRS424), Leu2 (vector pRS425) and Ura3 (vector pRS426). These vectors allow strain propaga- 25 expression. tion in both E. coli and yeast strains. A yeast haploid strain BY4741 (MATa his $3\Delta 1$ leu $2\Delta 0$ met $15\Delta 0$ ura $3\Delta 0$) (Research Genetics, Huntsville, Ala., also available from ATCC 201388) and a diploid strain BY4743 (MATa/alpha his3Δ1/ his $3\Delta 1$ leu $2\Delta 0$ /leu $2\Delta 0$ lys $2\Delta 0$ /LYS2 MET15/met15 $\Delta 0$ 30 ura3Δ0/ura3Δ0) (Research Genetics, Huntsville, Ala., also available from ATCC 201390) were used as hosts for gene cloning and expression. Construction of expression vectors for genes encoding 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway enzymes were performed by either standard molecular cloning tech- 35 niques in E. coli or by the gap repair recombination method in yeast.

The gap repair cloning approach takes advantage of the highly efficient homologous recombination in yeast. Typically, a yeast vector DNA is digested (e.g., in its multiple 40 cloning site) to create a "gap" in its sequence. A number of insert DNAs of interest are generated that contain a ≥21 bp sequence at both the 5' and the 3' ends that sequentially overlap with each other, and with the 5' and 3' terminus of the vector DNA. For example, to construct a yeast expression 45 vector for "Gene X", a yeast promoter and a yeast terminator are selected for the expression cassette. The promoter and terminator are amplified from the yeast genomic DNA, and Gene X is either PCR amplified from its source organism or obtained from a cloning vector comprising Gene X sequence. 50 There is at least a 21 bp overlapping sequence between the 5' end of the linearized vector and the promoter sequence, between the promoter and Gene X, between Gene X and the terminator sequence, and between the terminator and the 3' end of the linearized vector. The "gapped" vector and the 55 insert DNAs are then co-transformed into a yeast strain and plated on the SD minimal dropout medium, and colonies are selected for growth of cultures and mini preps for plasmid DNAs. The presence of correct insert combinations can be confirmed by PCR mapping. The plasmid DNA isolated from 60 yeast (usually low in concentration) can then be transformed into an E. coli strain, e.g. TOP10, followed by mini preps and restriction mapping to further verify the plasmid construct. Finally the construct can be verified by sequence analysis. Yeast transformants of positive plasmids are grown in SD medium for performing enzyme assays to characterize the activities of the enzymes expressed by the genes of interest.

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Yeast cultures were grown in YPD complex medium or Synthetic Minimal dropout medium containing glucose (SD medium) and the appropriate compound mixtures that allow complementation of the nutritional selection markers on the plasmids (*Methods in Enzymology*, Volume 194, *Guide to Yeast Genetics and Molecular and Cell Biology*, 2004, Part A, pp. 13-15). The sugar component in the SD drop out medium was 2% glucose. For 1-butanol production, yeast cultures were also grown in Synthetic Minimal dropout medium with 2% sucrose (SS medium).

For enzyme activity analysis, a single colony of each strain was streaked onto a fresh plate containing SD minimal drop out medium and incubated at 30° C. for 2 days. The cells on this plate were used to inoculate 20 mL of SD drop out medium and in a 125 mL shake flask and grown overnight at 30° C., with shaking at 250 rpm. The optical density (OD $_{600}$) of the overnight culture was measured, and the culture was diluted to an OD $_{600}$ =0.1 in 250 mL of the same medium in a 1.0 L shake flask, and grown at 30° C. with shaking at 250 rpm to an OD $_{600}$ of between 0.8 to 1.0. The cells were then harvested by centrifugation at 2000×g for 10 min, and resuspended in 20 mL of 50 mM Tris-HCl buffer, pH 8.5. Enzyme assays were performed as described above.

Construction of plasmid pNY102 for thlA and hbd coexpression.

A number of dual expression vectors were constructed for the co-expression of thIA and hbd genes. The Saccharomyces cerevisiae ERG10 gene is a functional ortholog of the thlA gene. Initially, a dual vector of ERG10 and hbd was constructed using the yeast GAL1-GAL10 divergent dual promoter, the GAL1 terminator (GAL1t) and the ERG10 terminator (ERG10t). The ERG10 gene-ERG10t DNA fragment was PCR amplified from genomic DNA of Saccharomyces cerevisiae strain BY4743, using primers OT731 (SEQ ID NO:164) and OT732 (SEQ ID NO:165). The yeast GAL1-GAL10 divergent promoter was also amplified by PCR from BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT733 (SEQ ID NO:166) and OT734 (SEQ ID NO:167). The hbd gene was amplified from E. coli plasmid pTrc99a-E-C-H-T (described in Example 13) using PCR primers OT735 (SEQ ID NO:168) and OT736 (SEQ ID NO:169). GAL1t was amplified from BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT737 (SEQ ID NO:170) and OT738 (SEQ ID NO:171). Four PCR fragments, erg10-ERG10t, GAL1-GAL10 promoters, hbd, and GAL1t, were thus obtained with approximately 25 bp overlapping sequences between each adjacent PCR fragment. GAL1t and ERG1E-ERG10t fragments each contain approximately 25 bp overlapping sequences with the yeast vector pRS425. To assemble these sequences by gap repair recombination, the DNA fragments were co-transformed into the yeast strain BY4741 together with vector pRS425 which was digested with BamHI and HindIII enzymes. Colonies were selected from SD-Leu minimal plates, and clones with inserts were identified by PCR amplification. The new plasmid was named pNY6 (pRS425.ERG 10t-erg10-GAL10-GAL1-hbd-GAL1 t). Further confirmation was performed by restriction mapping.

The yeast strain BY4741 (pNY6), prepared by transforming plasmid pNY6 into *S. cerevisiae* BY4741, showed good Hbd activity but no thiolase activity. Due to the lack of thiolase activity, the ERG10 gene was replaced with the thlA gene by gap repair recombination. The thlA gene was amplified from *E. coli* vector pTrc99a-E-C-H-T by PCR using primers OT797 (SEQ ID NO:172) which adds a SphI restriction site, and OT798 (SEQ ID NO:173) which adds an AscI restriction site. Plasmid pNY6 was digested with SphI and PstI restriction enzymes, gel-purified, and co-transformed into yeast

BY4741 along with the PCR product of thlA. Due to the 30 bp overlapping sequences between the PCR product of thlA and the digested pNY6, the thlA gene was recombined into pNY6 between the GAL10 promoter and the ERG10t terminator. This yielded plasmid pNY7 (pRS425.ERG10t-thlA-GAL10-5 GAL1-hbd-GAL1t), which was verified by PCR and restriction mapping.

In a subsequent cloning step based on gap repair recombination, the GAL10 promoter in pNY7 was replaced with the CUP1 promoter, and the GAL1 promoter was replaced with the strong GPD promoter. This plasmid, pNY10 (pRS425. ERG10t-thlA-CUP1-GPD-hbd-GAL1t) allows for the expression of the thlA gene under CUP1, a copper inducible promoter, and the expression of the hbd gene under the GPD promoter. The CUP1 promoter sequence was PCR amplified 15 from yeast BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT806 (SEQ ID NO:174), and OT807 (SEQ ID NO:175). The GPD promoter was amplified from BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT808 (SEQ ID NO:176) and OT809 (SEQ ID NO:177). PCR products of the CUP1 and the GPD promoters 20 were combined with pNY7 plasmid digested with NcoI and SphI restriction enzymes. From this gap repair cloning step, plasmid pNY10 was constructed, which was verified by PCR and restriction mapping. Yeast BY4741 strain containing pNY10 had Hbd activity, but no ThlA activity. The Hbd 25 activity under GPD promoter was significantly improved compared to the GALL promoter controlled Hbd activity (1.8 U/mg vs. 0.40 U/mg). Sequencing analysis revealed that the thlA gene in pNY10 had a one base deletion near the 3' end, which resulted in a truncated protein. This explains the lack of 30 thiolase activity in the strain.

Plasmid pNY12 was constructed with the correct thlA gene sequence. The thlA gene was cut from the vector pTrc99a-E-C-H-T by digestion with SphI and AscI. The FBA1 promoter was PCR amplified from BY4743 genomic DNA using primars OT799 (SEQ ID NO:178) and OT761 (SEQ ID NO:179), and digested with SalI and SphI restriction enzymes. The thlA gene fragment and FBA1 promoter fragment were ligated into plasmid pNY10 at AscI and SalI sites, generating plasmid pNY12 (pRS425.ERG10t-thlA-FBA1), which was confirmed by restriction mapping. pNY12 was transformed into yeast strain BY4741 and the resulting transformant showed a ThlA activity of 1.66 U/mg.

The FBA1 promoter-thlA gene fragment from pNY12 was re-subcloned into pNY10. The pNY10 vector was cut with the 45 AscI restriction enzyme and ligated with the AscI digested FBA1 promoter-thlA gene fragment isolated from plasmid pNY12. This created a new plasmid with two possible insert orientations. The clones with FBA1 and GPD promoters located adjacent to each other in opposite orientation were 50 chosen and this plasmid was named pNY102. pNY102 (pRS425. ERG10t-thlA-FBA1-GPD-hbd-GAL1t) was verified by restriction mapping. Strain DPD5206 was made by transforming pNY102 into yeast strain BY4741. The ThlA activity of DPD5206 was 1.24 U/mg and the Hbd activity was 55 0.76 U/mg.

Construction of Plasmid pNY11 for Crt Expression.

The crt gene expression cassette was constructed by combining the GPM1 promoter, the crt gene, and the GPM1t terminator into vector pRS426 using gap repair recombination in yeast. The GPM1 promoter was PCR amplified from yeast BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT803 (SEQ ID NO:180) and OT804 (SEQ ID NO:181). The crt gene was amplified using PCR primers OT785 (SEQ ID NO:182) and OT786 (SEQ ID NO:183) from *E. coli* plasmid pTrc99a-E-65 C-H-T. The GPM1t terminator was PCR amplified from yeast BY4743 genomic DNA using OT787 (SEQ ID NO:184) and

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OT805 (SEQ ID NO:185). Yeast vector pRS426 was digested with BamHI and HindIII and was gel-purified. This DNA was co-transformed with the PCR products of the GPM1 promoter, the crt gene and the GPM1 terminator into yeast BY4741 competent cells. Clones with the correct inserts were verified by PCR and restriction mapping and the resulting yeast strain BY4741 (pNY11: pRS426-GPM1-crt-GPM1t) had a Crt activity of 85 U/mg.

Construction of plasmid pNY103 for thlA, hbd and cdt co-expression. For the co-expression of the upper 1-butanol pathway enzymes, the crt gene cassette from pNY11 was subcloned into plasmid pNY102 to create an hbd, thlA, and crt expression vector. A 2,347 bp DNA fragment containing the GPM1 promoter, the crt gene, and the GPM1 terminator was cut from plasmid pNY11with SacI and NotI restriction enzymes and cloned into vector pNY102, which was digested with NotI and partially digested with SacI, producing the expression vector pNY103 (pRS425. ERG10t-thlA-FBA1-GPD-hbd-GAL1t-GPM1t-crt-GPM1). Following confirmation of the presence of all three cassettes in pNY103 by digestion with HindIII, the plasmid was transformed into yeast BY4743 cells and the transformed yeast strain was named DPD5200. When grown under standard conditions, DPD5200 showed ThIA, Hbd, and Crt enzyme activities of 0.49 U/mg, 0.21 U/mg and 23.0 U/mg, respectively.

Construction of Plasmid pNY8 for Ald Expression.

A codon optimized gene named tery (SEQ ID NO:186), encoding the Ter protein (SEQ ID NO:187), and a codon optimized gene named aldy (SEQ ID NO:188), encoding the Ald protein (SEQ ID NO:189) were synthesized using preferred codons of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. Plasmid pTERy containing the codon optimized ter gene and pALDy containing the codon optimized ald gene were made by DNA2.0 (Palo Alto, Calif.).

To assemble pNY8 (pRS426.GPD-ald-GPDt), three insert fragments including a PCR product of the GPD promoter (synthesized from primers OT800 (SEQ ID NO:190) and OT758, (SEQ ID NO:191), and BY4743 genomic DNA), an aldy gene fragment excised from pALDy by digestion with NcoI and SfiI (SEQ ID NO:188), and a PCR product of the GPD terminator (synthesized from primers OT754 (SEQ ID NO:192) and OT755 (SEQ ID NO:193), and BY4743 genomic DNA) were recombined with the BamHI, HindIII digested pRS426 vector via gap repair recombination cloning. Yeast BY4741 transformation clones were analyzed by PCR mapping. The new plasmid thus constructed, pNY8, was further confirmed by restriction mapping. The yeast BY4741 transformants containing pNY8 were analyzed for Ald activity and the specific activity towards butyryl-CoA was approximately 0.07 U/mg.

Construction of Plasmids pNY9 and pNY13 for Ter Expression.

The codon optimized tery gene was cloned into vector pRS426 under control of the FBA1 promoter by gap repair cloning. The FBA1 promoter was PCR amplified from yeast BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT760 (SEQ ID NO:194) and OT792 (SEQ ID NO:195). The tery gene was obtained by digestion of plasmid pTERy by Sphl and Not1 restriction enzymes that resulted in the fragment given as SEQ ID NO:186. The PCR fragment of FBA1 terminator was generated by PCR from yeast BY4743 genomic DNA using primers OT791 (SEQ ID NO:196) and OT765 (SEQ ID NO:197). Three DNA fragments, the FBA1 promoter, the ter gene and the FBA1 terminator, were combined with the BamHI, HindIII digested pRS426 vector and transformed into yeast BY4741 by gap repair recombination. The resulting plasmid, pNY9 (pRS426-FBA1-tery-FBA1t) was con-

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firmed by PCR mapping, as well as restriction digestion. The yeast BY4741 transformant of pNY9 produced a Ter activity of 0.26 U/mg.

To make the final 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway strain, it was necessary to construct a yeast expression strain that contained several plasmids, each with a unique nutritional selection marker. Since the parent vector pRS426 contained a Ura selection marker, the ter expression cassette was subcloned into vector pRS423, which contained a His3 marker. A 3.2 kb fragment containing the FBA1-tery-FBA1t cassette was isolated from plasmid pNY9 by digestion with SacI and XhoI restriction enzymes, and ligated into vector pRS423 that was cut with these same two enzymes. The new plasmid, pNY13 (pRS423—FBA1-tery-FBA1t) was mapped by restriction digestion. pNY13 was transformed into BY4741 strain and the transformant was cultured in SD-His medium, yielding a strain with a Ter activity of 0.19 U/mg.

Construction of a Yeast Strain Containing 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway Genes for Demonstration of 1-butanol $_{20}$ Production.

As described above, yeast strain DPD5200 was constructed by transformation of plasmid pNY103 into S. cerevisiae strain BY4743, which allows co-expression of thlA, hbd and crt genes. Yeast competent cells of DPD5200 were prepared as described above, and plasmids pNY8 and pNY13 were co-transformed into DPD5200, generating strain DPD5213. DPD5213 allows for the simultaneous constitutive expression of five genes in the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway, thlA, hbd, crt, ter and aid. Strain DPD5212 (S. cerevisiae strain BY4743 transformed with empty plasmids, pRS425 and pRS426) was used as a negative control. Four independent isolates of strain DPD5213 were grown on SD-Ura-Leu-His dropout minimal medium in the presence of either 2% glucose or 2% sucrose to allow the growth complementation of all three plasmids. A single isolate of DPD5212 was similarly grown in appropriate medium.

To demonstrate 1-butanol production by aerobic cultures, a single colony of each strain was streaked onto a fresh agar plate containing SD minimal drop out growth medium (containing 2% glucose) or SS minimal drop out growth medium (containing 2% sucrose) and incubated at 30° C. for 2 days. Cells from these plates were used to inoculate 20 mL of the minimal drop out medium (either SD or SS) in 125 mL plastic shake flasks and were grown overnight at 30° C. with shaking at 250 rpm. The optical density (OD $_{600}$) of the overnight culture was measured, the culture was diluted to OD $_{600}$ of 0.1 in 25 mL of the same medium in a 125 mL shake flask, and grown at 30° C. with shaking at 250 rpm.

Aliquots of the culture were removed at 24 h and 48 h for GC analysis of 1-butanol production (HP-INNOWax column, $30\,\mathrm{m}\times0.53\,\mathrm{mm}$ id, $1\,\mathrm{\mu m}$ film thickness) with FID detection, as described in the General Methods section. The results of the GC analysis are given in Table 15.

TABLE 15

Production of 1-butanol from glucose and sucrose by

-	s. cere	visiae strain DPD3213			
Strain ¹	Sugar	1-butanol at 24 h, mg/L^2	1-butanol at 48 h, mg/L ²		
DPD5212	Glucose	Not detected	Not detected		
DPD5213 a	Glucose	0.4	0.5		
DPD5213 b	Glucose	0.9	0.2		
DPD5213 c	Glucose	1.0	0.6		
DPD5213 d	Glucose	0.8	0.3		
DPD5212	Sucrose	Not detected	Not detected		

Production of 1-butanol from glucose and sucrose by *S. cerevisiae* strain DPD5213

Strain ¹	Sugar	1-butanol at 24 h, mg/L ²	1-butanol at 48 h, mg/L^2		
DPD5213 a	Sucrose	Not detected	1.7		
DPD5213 b	Sucrose	Not detected	1.3		
DPD5213 c	Sucrose	0.2	1.5		
DPD5213 d	Sucrose	0.6	0.9		

¹Independent isolates are indicated by a-d.
²Concentration determined by GC

Example 18

Prophetic

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in Lactobacillus plantarum

The purpose of this prophetic Example is to describe how to express the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in Lactobacillus plantarum. The six genes of the 1-butanol pathway, encoding six enzyme activities, are divided into two operons for expression. The first three genes of the pathway (thl, hbd, and crt, encoding the enzymes acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase, 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, and crotonase, respectively) are integrated into the chromosome of Lactobacillus plantarum by homologous recombination using the method described by Hols et al. (Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 60:1401-1413 (1994)). The last three genes (EgTER, aid, and bdhB, encoding the enzymes butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase, butyraldehyde dehydrogenase and butanol dehydrogenase, respectively) are cloned into an expression plasmid and transformed into the Lactobacillus strain carrying the integrated upper pathway 1-butanol genes. Lactobacillus is grown in MRS medium (Difco Laboratories, Detroit, Mich.) at 37° C. Chromosomal DNA is isolated from Lactobacillus plantarum as described by Moreira et al. (BMC Microbiol. 5:15 (2005)).

Integration.

The thl-hbd-crt cassette under the control of the synthetic P11 promoter (Rud et al., Microbiology 152:1011-1019 (2006)) is integrated into the chromosome of Lactobacillus plantarum ATCC BAA-793 (NCIMB 8826) at the IdhL1 locus by homologous recombination. To build the IdhL integration targeting vector, a DNA fragment from Lactobacillus plantarum (Genbank NC_004567) with homology to IdhL is PCR amplified with primers LDH EcoRV F (SEQ ID NO:198) and LDH AatIIR (SEQ ID NO:199). The 1986 bp PCR fragment is cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO and sequenced. The pCR4Blunt-TOPO-IdhL1 clone is digested with EcoRV and AatII releasing a 1982 bp IdhL1 fragment that is gel-purified. The integration vector pFP988, described in Example 14, is digested with HindIII and treated with Klenow DNA polymerase to blunt the ends. The linearized plasmid is then digested with AatII and the 2931 bp vector fragment is gel-purified. The EcoRV/AatII IdhL1 fragment is 60 ligated with the pFP988 vector fragment and transformed into E. coli Top10 cells. Transformants are selected on LB agar plates containing ampicillin (100 µg/mL) and are screened by colony PCR to confirm construction of pFP988-IdhL.

To add a selectable marker to the integrating DNA, the Cm gene with its promoter is PCR amplified from pC194 (Genbank NC_002013) with primers Cm F (SEQ ID NO:200) and Cm R (SEQ ID NO:201), amplifying a 836 bp PCR product.

The amplicon is cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO and transformed into *E. coli* Top10 cells, creating pCR4Blunt-TOPO-Cm. After sequencing to confirm that no errors are introduced by PCR, the Cm cassette is digested from pCR4Blunt-TOPO-Cm as an 828 bp MluI/SwaI fragment and is gel-purified. The 5 IdhL-homology containing integration vector pFP988-IdhL is digested with MluI and SwaI and the 4740 bp vector fragment is gel-purified. The Cm cassette fragment is ligated with the pFP988-IdhL vector creating pFP988-DldhL::Cm.

Finally the thl-hbd-crt cassette from pFP988Dss-T-H-C, 10 described in Example 14, is modified to replace the amylase promoter with the synthetic P11 promoter. Then, the whole operon is moved into pFP988-DldhL::Cm. The P11 promoter is built by oligonucleotide annealing with primer P11 F (SEQ ID NO:202) and P11 R (SEQ ID NO:203). The annealed 15 oligonucleotide is gel-purified on a 6% Ultra PAGE gel (Embi Tec, San Diego, Calif.). The plasmid pFP988Dss-T-H-C is digested with XhoI and SmaI and the 9 kbp vector fragment is gel-purified. The isolated P11 fragment is ligated with the digested pFP988Dss-T-H-C to create pFP988-P11-T-H-C. 20 Plasmid pFP988-P1'-T-H-C is digested with XhoI and BamHI and the 3034 bp P11-T-H-C fragment is gel-purified. pFP988-DldhL::Cm is digested with XhoI and BamHI and the 5558 bp vector fragment isolated. The upper pathway operon is ligated with the integration vector to create pFP988- 25 DldhL-P11-THC::Cm.

Integration of pFP988-DldhL-P11-THC::Cm into *L. Plantarum* BAA-793 to Form *L. plantarum* \(\Delta \text{ddhL1::T-H-C::Cm} \) Comprising Exogenous thl, hbd, and crt Genes.

Electrocompetent cells of *L. plantarum* are prepared as 30 described by Aukrust, T. W., et al. (In: *Electroporation Protocols for Microorganisms*; Nickoloff, J. A., Ed.; *Methods in Molecular Biology*, Vol. 47; Humana Press, Inc., Totowa, N.J., 1995, pp 201-208). After electroporation, cells are outgrown in MRSSM medium (MRS medium supplemented 35 with 0.5 M sucrose and 0.1 M MgCl₂) as described by Aukrust et al. supra for 2 h at 37° C. without shaking. Electroporated cells are plated for selection on MRS plates containing chloramphenicol (10 μg/mL) and incubated at 37° C. Transformants are initially screened by colony PCR amplification 40 to confirm integration, and initial positive clones are then more rigorously screened by PCR amplification with a battery of primers.

Plasmid Expression of EgTER, Ald, and bdhB Genes.

The three remaining 1-butanol genes are expressed from 45 plasmid pTRKH3 (O'Sullivan D J and Klaenhammer T R, Gene 137:227-231 (1993)) under the control of the *L. plantarum* IdhL promoter (Ferain et al., *J. Bacteriol.* 176:596-601 (1994)). The IdhL promoter is PCR amplified from the genome of *L. plantarum* ATCC BAA-793 with primers P 50 IdhL F (SEQ ID NO:204) and P IdhL R (SEQ ID NO:205). The 369 bp PCR product is cloned into pCR4Blunt-TOPO and sequenced. The resulting plasmid, pCR4Blunt-TOPO-PldhL is digested with SacI and BamHI releasing the 359 bp PldhL fragment.

pHT01-ald-EB, described in Example 14, is digested with SacI and BamHI and the 10503 bp vector fragment is recovered by gel purification. The PldhL fragment and vector are ligated creating pHT01-PldhL-ald-EB.

To subclone the IdhL promoter-ald-EgTER-bdh cassette, 60 pHT01-Pldhl-ald-EB is digested with MluI and the ends are treated with Klenow DNA polymerase. The linearized vector is digested with SalI and the 4270 bp fragment containing the PldhL-AEB fragment is gel-purified. Plasmid pTRKH3 is digested with SalI and EcoRV and the gel-purified vector 65 fragment is ligated with the PldhL-AEB fragment. The ligation mixture is transformed into *E. coli* Top 10 cells and

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transformants are plated on Brain Heart Infusion (BHI, Difco Laboratories, Detroit, Mich.) plates containing erythromycin (150 mg/L). Transformants are screened by PCR to confirm construction of pTRKH3-ald-E-B. The expression plasmid, pTRKH3-ald-E-B is transformed into *L. plantarum* AldhL1:: T-H-C::Cm by electroporation, as described above.

L. plantarum Δ IdhL1::T-H-C::Cm containing pTRKH3-ald-E-B is inoculated into a 250 mL shake flask containing 50 mL of MRS medium plus erythromycin (10 µg/mL) and grown at 37° C. for 18 to 24 h without shaking. After 18 h to 24, 1-butanol is detected by HPLC or GC analysis, as described in the General Methods section.

Example 19

Prophetic

Expression of the 1-butanol Biosynthetic Pathway in ${\it Enterococcus faecalis}$

The purpose of this prophetic Example is to describe how to express the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in Enterococcus faecalis. The complete genome sequence of Enterococcus faecalis strain V583, which is used as the host strain for the expression of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway in this Example, has been published (Paulsen et al., Science 299: 2071-2074 (2003)). Plasmid pTRKH3 (O'Sullivan D J and Klaenhammer T R, Gene 137:227-231 (1993)), an E. coli/ Gram-positive shuttle vector, is used for expression of the six genes (thIA, hbd, crt, EgTER, aid, bdhB) of the 1-butanol pathway in one operon. pTRKH3 contains an E. coli plasmid p15A replication origin and the pAMP1 replicon, and two antibiotic resistance selection markers, tetracycline resistance and erythromycin resistance. Tetracycline resistance is only expressed in E. coli, and erythromycin resistance is expressed in both E. coli and Gram-positive bacteria. Plasmid pAMP1 derivatives can replicate in E. faecalis (Poyart et al., FEMS Microbiol. Lett. 156:193-198 (1997)). The inducible nisA promoter (PnisA), which has been used for efficient control of gene expression by nisin in a variety of Grampositive bacteria including Enterococcus faecalis (Eichenbaum et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol. 64:2763-2769 (1998)), is used to control expression of the six desired genes encoding the enzymes of the 1-butanol biosynthetic pathway.

The linear DNA fragment (215 bp) containing the nisA promoter (Chandrapati et al., Mol. Microbiol. 46(2):467-477 (2002)) is PCR-amplified from *Lactococcus lactis* genomic DNA with primers F-PnisA(EcoRV) (SEQ ID NO:206) and R-PnisA(Pmel BamHI) (SEQ ID NO:207). The 215 bp PCR fragment is digested with EcoRV and BamHI, and the resulting PnisA fragment is gel-purified. Plasmid pTRKH3 is digested with EcoRV and BamHI and the vector fragment is gel-purified. The linearised pTRKH3 is ligated with the PnisA fragment. The ligation mixture is transformed into *E*. 55 coli Top10 cells by electroporation and transformants are selected following overnight growth at 37° C. on LB agar plates containing erythromycin (25 µg/mL). The transformants are then screened by colony PCR with primers F-PnisA (EcoRV) and R-PnisA(BamHI) to confirm the correct clone of pTRKH3-PnisA.

Plasmid pTRKH3-PnisA is digested with PmeI and BamHI, and the vector is gel-purified. Plasmid pHT01-ald-EgTER-bdhB is constructed as described in Example 14 and is digested with SmaI and BamHI, and the 2,973 bp ald-EgTER-bdhB fragment is gel-purified. The 2,973 bp ald-EgTER-bdhB fragment is ligated into the pTRKH3-PnisA vector at the PmeI and BamHI sites. The ligation mixture is

transformed into *E. coli* Top10 cells by electroporation and transformants are selected following incubation at 37° C. overnight on LB agar plates containing erythromycin (25 µg/mL). The transformants are then screened by colony PCR with primers ald forward primer N27F1 (SEQ ID NO: 31) and bdhB reverse primer N65 (SEQ ID NO: 44). The resulting plasmid is named pTRKH3-PnisA-ald-EgTER-bdhB (=pTRKH3-A-E-B).

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Plasmid pTRKH3-A-E-B is purified from the transformant and used for further cloning of the remaining genes (thlA, hbd, crt) into the BamHI site located downstream of the bdhB gene. Plasmid pTRKH3-A-E-B is digested with BamHI and treated with the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase to make blunt ends. Plasmid pFP988Dss-thlA-hbd-crt 15 (=pFP988Dss-T-H—C) is constructed as described in Example 14 and is digested with SmaI and BamHI. The resulting 2,973 bp thlA-hbd-crt fragment is treated with the Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase to make blunt ends and is gel-purified. The 2,973 bp thlA-hbd-crt fragment is ligated $_{20}$ with the linearised pTRKH3-A-E-B. The ligation mixture is transformed into E. coli Top10 cells by electroporation and transformants are selected following overnight growth at 37° C. on LB agar plates containing erythromycin (251 g/mL). The transformants are then screened by colony PCR with 25 primers thIA forward primer N7 (SEQ ID NO: 21) and crt reverse primer N4 (SEQ ID NO: 18). The resulting plasmid is named pTRKH3-PnisA-ald-EgTER-bdhB-thlA-hbd-crt

(=pTRKH3-A-E-B-T-H-C). Plasmid pTRKH3-A-E-B-T-H-C is prepared from the *E. coli* transformants and transformed into electro-competent *E. faecalis* V583 cells by electroporation using methods known in the art (Aukrust, T. W., et al. In: *Electroporation Protocols for Microorganisms; N ickoloff,* J. A., Ed.; *Methods in Molecular Biology,* Vol. 47; Humana Press, Inc., Totowa, N.J., 1995, pp 217-226), resulting in *E. faecalis* V583/pTRKH3-A-E-B-T-H-C.

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The second plasmid containing nisA regulatory genes, nisR and nisK, the add9 spectinomycin resistance gene, and the pSH71 origin of replication is transformed into *E. faecalis* V583/pTRKH3-A-E-B-T-H-C by electroporation. The plasmid containing pSH71 origin of replication is compatible with pAMP1 derivatives in *E. faecalis* (Eichenbaum et al., supra). Double drug resistant transformants are selected on LB agar plates containing erythromycin (25 μg/mL) and spectinomycin (100 μg/mL).

The resulting *E. faecalis* strain V583B harboring two plasmids, i.e., an expression plasmid (pTRKH3-A-E-B-T-H-C) and a regulatory plasmid (pSH71-nisRK), is inoculated into a 250 mL shake flask containing 50 mL of Todd-Hewitt broth supplemented with yeast extract (0.2%) (Fischetti et al., *J. Exp. Med.* 161:1384-1401 (1985)), nisin (20 μg/mL) (Eichenbaum et al., supra), erythromycin (25 μg/mL), and spectinomycin (100 μg/mL). The flask is incubated without shaking at 37° C. for 18 to 24 h, after which time, 1-butanol production is measured by HPLC or GC analysis, as described in the General Methods section.

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What is claimed is:

- 1. A recombinant microbial host cell comprising heterologous DNA molecules encoding polypeptides that catalyze 25 substrate to product conversions for each step below:
 - a) acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA;
 - b) acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA;
 - c) 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA;
 - d) crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA; and
 - e) butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde,
- wherein said microbial host cell produces 1-butanol by the action of an endogenous alcohol dehydrogenase, wherein said microbial host cell produces 1-butanol through the substrate to product conversions of (a) to (e) under aerobic conditions.
- 2. A host cell according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA is acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase.
- 3. A host cell according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA is 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase.
- **4.** A host cell according to claim **1** wherein the polypeptide 45 that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of 3-hydroxy-butyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA is crotonase.
- **5**. A host cell according to claim **1** wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA is butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase.
- **6**. A host cell according to claim **1** wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde is butyraldehyde dehydrogenase.
- 7. A host cell according to claim 1 wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of: a bacterium, a *cyano- 55 bacterium*, a filamentous fungus and a yeast.
- 8. A host cell according to claim 7 wherein the cell is a member of a genus selected from the group consisting of Clostridium, Zymomonas, Escherichia, Salmonella, Rhodococcus, Pseudomonas, Bacillus, Lactobacillus, Enterococcus, Alcaligenes, Klebsiella, Paenibacillus, Arthrobacter, Corynebacterium, Brevibacterium, Pichia, Candida, Hansenula and Saccharomyces.
- **9.** A host cell according to claim **8** wherein the cell is *Escherichia coli*.
- 10. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is Alcaligenes eutrophus.

- 11. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is *Bacillus licheniformis*.
- 12. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is *Paenibacillus macerans*.
- 13. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is *Rhodococcus erythropolis*.
- **14**. A host cell according to claim **8** wherein the cell is *Pseudomonas putida*.
 - **15**. A host cell according to claim **8** wherein the cell is *Bacillus subtilis*.
- 16. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is Lactobacillus plantarum.
 - 17. A host cell according to claim 8 wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus faecium*, *Enterococcus gallinarium*, and *Enterococcus faecalis*.
- **18**. A host cell according to claim **8** wherein the cell is *A0 Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.
 - 19. A host cell according to claim 1 wherein the host cell is a facultative anaerobe.
 - 20. A method for the production of 1-butanol comprising: i) providing the recombinant microbial host cell of claim 1;
 - contacting the host cell of (i) with a fermentable carbon substrate under conditions whereby 1-butanol is produced.
- 21. A method according to claim 20 wherein the ferment-50 able carbon substrate is selected from the group consisting of monosaccharides, oligosaccharides, and polysaccharides.
 - **22.** A method according to claim **20** wherein the carbon substrate is selected from the group consisting of glucose, sucrose, and fructose.
 - 23. A method according to claim 20 wherein the conditions whereby 1-butanol is produce are anaerobic.
 - **24.** A method according to claim **20** wherein the conditions whereby 1-buanol is produced are microaerobic.
 - 25. A method according to claim 20 wherein the host cell is contacted with the carbon substrate in minimal media.
 - **26**. A method according to claim **20** wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of acetyl-CoA to acetoacetyl-CoA is acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase.
 - **27**. A method according to claim **20** wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of acetoacetyl-CoA to 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA is 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase.

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- 28. A method according to claim 20 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA to crotonyl-CoA is crotonase.
- 29. A method according to claim 20 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of crotonyl-CoA to butyryl-CoA is butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase.
- 30. A method according to claim 20 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes a substrate to product conversion of butyryl-CoA to butyraldehyde is butyraldehyde dehydrogenase.
- 31. A method according to claim 20 wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of: a bacterium, a cyanobacterium, a filamentous fungus and a yeast.
- 32. A method according to claim 31 wherein the host cell is a member of a genus selected from the group consisting of 15 Clostridium, Zymomonas, Escherichia, Salmonella, Rhodococcus, Pseudomonas, Bacillus, Lactobacillus, Enterococcus, Alcaligenes, Klebsiella, Paenibacillus, Arthrobacter, Corvnebacterium, Brevibacterium, Pichia, Candida, Hansenula and Saccharomyces.
- 33. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Escherichia coli.
- 34. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Alcaligenes eutrophus.
- 35. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is 25 Bacillus licheniformis.
- 36. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Paenibacillus macerans.
- 37. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Rhodococcus erythropolis.
- 38. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Pseudomonas putida.
- 39. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is Bacillus subtilis.
- 40. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is 35 Lactobacillus plantarum.
- 41. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of *Enterococcus faecium*, Enterococcus gallinarium, and Enterococcus faecalis.
- 42. A method according to claim 32 wherein the host cell is 40 Saccharomyces cerevisiae.
- 43. A method according to claim 26 wherein the acetyl-CoA acetyltransferase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:129, SEQ ID NO:131, and SEQ ID NO:133.

- 44. A method according to claim 27 wherein the 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA dehydrogenase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:135, SEQ ID NO:137, and SEQ ID NO:139.
- 45. A method according to claim 28 wherein the crotonase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:141, SEQ ID NO:143, and SEQ ID NO:145.
- 46. A method according to claim 29 wherein the butyryl-CoA dehydrogenase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:10, SEQ ID NO:147, SEQ NO:149, SEQ ID NO:151, and SEQ ID
- 47. A method according to claim 30 wherein the butyraldehyde dehydrogenase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:12, SEQ ID NO:153, and SEQ ID NO:189.
- 48. A method according to claim 20 wherein the host cell is a facultative anaerobe.
- 49. A host cell according to claim 1 further comprising a heterologous DNA molecule that encodes a polypeptide that catalyzes the substrate to product conversion of butyraldehyde to 1-butanol.
- 50. The method according to claim 20 wherein the host cell further comprises a heterologous DNA molecule that encodes a polypeptide that catalyzes the substrate to product conversion of butyraldehyde to 1-butanol.
- 51. A host cell according to claim 1 wherein the host cell produces more butanol than a control cell lacking the heterologous DNA molecules encoding polypeptides that catalyze the substrate to product conversions of steps (a) to (e).
- 52. A host cell according to claim 50 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes the substrate to product conversion of butyraldehyde to 1-butanol is butanol dehydrogenase.
- 53. A method according to claim 50 wherein the polypeptide that catalyzes the substrate to product conversion of butyraldehyde to 1-butanol is butanol dehydrogenase.
- 54. A method according to claim 53 wherein the butanol dehydrogenase has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:14, SEQ ID NO:16, SEQ NO:153, SEQ ID NO:155, and SEQ ID NO:157.